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Parents with candy bags have made Halloween ridiculous

Maybe it's too late to sound off about Halloween, but I've had it! I handed out 182 bags of chips and packs of gum in less than an hour.

Halloween was always for kids, not mothers standing there with their pillow cases saying I have three kids in the car.

It has gotten ridiculous. There was an actual traffic jam in the street. They weren't from our neighborhood. Beggars - that's what they certainly are.

My husband and I are senior citizens and we can't afford to feed all of inkster.

Restored Friendship Center could reelect Mayor Thomas

I think that Westland Mayor Thomas is fine tuning the Friendship Center, laying the groundwork for his reelection bid next year. If he can get the Friendship Center back to the way it used to be, it will bring home the bacon for him. [According to Time, Bob Thomas will not run for reelection - Ed.]

What is the job description for deputy city mayor?

At the Westland City Council meetings, the taxpayers-citizens were trying to figure out what [Deputy Mayor] George Gillies does for a living. In medieval times he would have been called a court jester. The new term is lackey.

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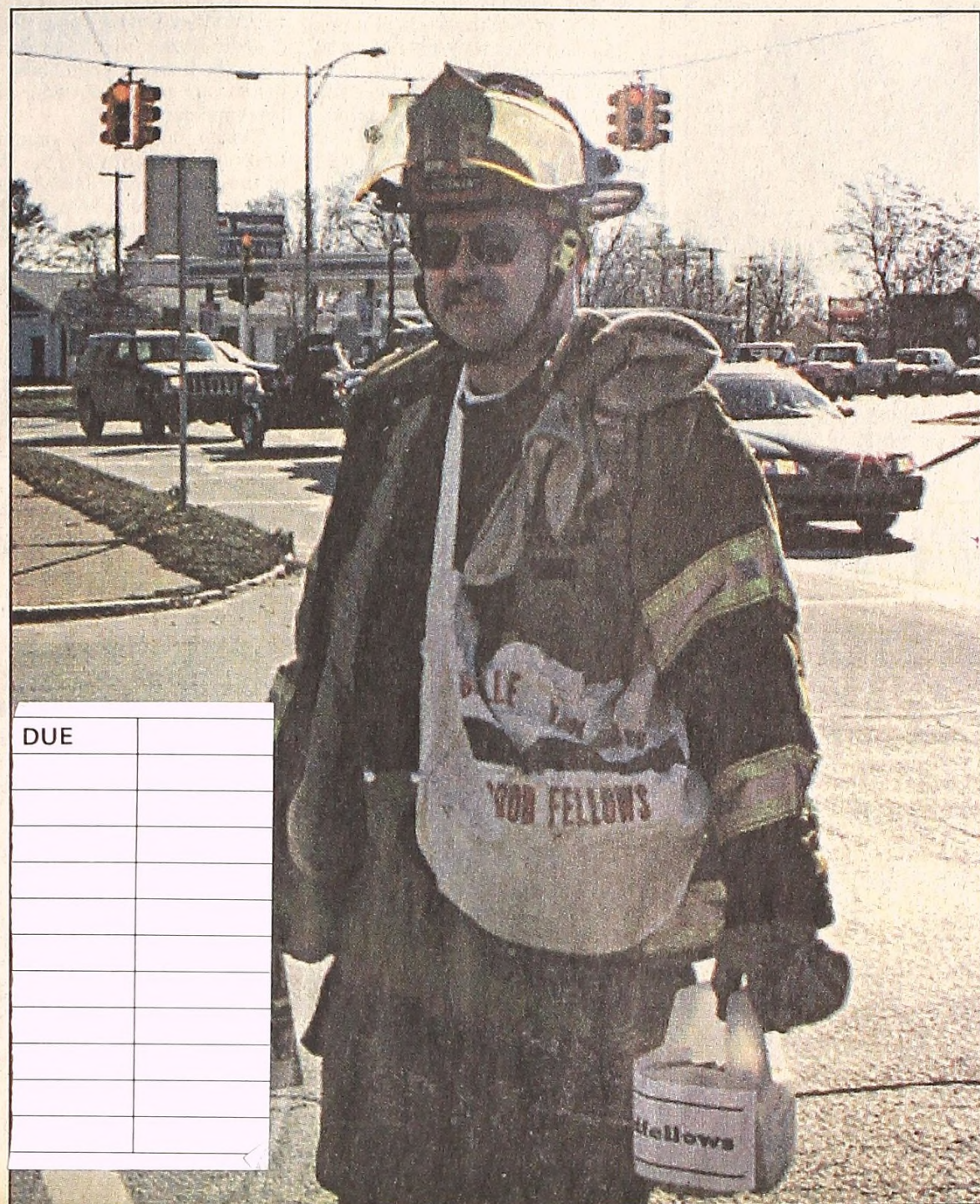
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He's a jolly Goodfellow

Belleville City Council member and volunteer firefighter William Emerson hit the streets over the holiday weekend to peddle Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows newspapers. Volunteers took to the streets for three days to raise money for holiday gifts for local families in need. Meanwhile the Romulus Goodfellows will be on the streets Dec. 8 and 9 to raise funds for the needy in this city. Those wishing to sell Goodfellows Newspapers are urged to call the Fire Department at (734) 941-8585.

Police thwart model home burglars

Two sharp-eyed Romulus Police Patrol Officers foiled a team of burglars, who were attempting to hijack over \$5,000 worth of kitchen appliances and office equipment.

Detective Sgt. Ron Huggins

reported Tuesday that two or more burglars had smashed a window and forced a door to the model home at Gateway — site of the new 18-hole golf course on Van Born Road.

The intruders had first appar-

ently stolen a construction trailer at the site, Huggins said, and then began to load it with a refrigerator, stove and various types of office equipment such as a copy machine and fax machine.

City golf course efforts begin

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The names and qualification statements of construction and management firms who wish to work on a planned Romulus city golf course on a 190 acre site are now being sought by Mayor William Oakley.

Oakley is seeking firms with previous golf course construction experience and a short list will be

established from those sending in these statements.

Only pre-qualified companies will be asked to bid on the project that will be located on a former landfill between Ecorse and Wick Roads, east of Cogswell Road in Romulus.

The landfill had been opened in the 1950s and closed in 1975.

The city plans to construct an 18-hole, 6,700 yard golf course on that site. It also has provided a stockpile of approximately 510,000

cubic yards of earth for the project and it is slated to be used for grading and contouring of the landfill and golf course areas.

Contractors will also be required to have a health and safety plan in place to conduct work within the site.

The course is being designed by Raymond Hearn Golf Designs Inc.

Thus interested firms should submit their qualifications to the City of Romulus, 11111 S. Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 with attention made to Kris Moe, purchasing director.

For more information call 734-942-7564. City Hall's fax number is 734-941-3296.

The deadline for receiving such contractor papers is Dec. 7, 2000.

Bidders will be allowed to bid on either the construction or management portions of the contract or both.

It was announced though that preference will be given to those firms that bid on both portions of the pact.

Cox ousted in Westland

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Westland Councilman David Cox — who also serves as assistant to Romulus Mayor William Oakley — was removed from his Westland council seat Tuesday by an overwhelming recall vote of residents of that city.

He remains however as Oakley's top assistant in Romulus.

Meanwhile in Westland, an 11-month recall drive ended in the apparent removal of Councilmen Cox and David James from office.

"Hard work and persistence paid off," said Mario Gracin, who led the campaign with his wife, Brenda. The door-to-door campaign took its toll on Brenda, who injured her knee while passing out campaign literature, and who is now on crutches.

With all the precincts counted, but not the absentee ballots, the unofficial vote stood at 2,564-1,073 (70-30 percent) to remove Cox and 2,436-1,234 (66-34 percent) to remove James at 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Recall supporters, who gath-

ered at the Oddfellows Temple in Wayne for an election night victory party, cheered the results as almost every precinct voted in favor of the recall.

Citizens targeted Cox and James after they and former council members Trav Griffin and Sharon Scott voted on Jan. 18 to dismiss clerk Pat Gibbons. Cox and Griffin had booted Gibbons from her office and they forced her to surrender her clerk office keys before the vote.

At the victory party, several recall supporters predicted that the recall would lead to a changing of the guard at city hall. The removal of Cox and James and the resignation of Griffin and Scott left only one ally of Mayor Bob Thomas on the council, Council President Sandra Cicirelli.

"The silent majority has spoken," said Mario Gracin.

A consensus among celebrants was that there would be no more recalls in the near future. That it was time to appoint new council members willing to listen to citizens' concerns and get on with the city's business.



David James



David Cox

Errant truck slams 9 cars

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A possibly ill truck driver from Detroit reportedly lost control of his truck cab last Wednesday morning as he entered Romulus.

The cab ripped out about 100 feet of fence at the Park-N-Go lot at 31555 Wick Road and damaged 9 parked cars — several totally, Romulus Traffic Officer Cliff West said Monday afternoon.

West said the driver was traveling westbound on I-94 shortly af-

ter 6 a.m., when he suddenly took ill and blacked out.

As he passed an area on Merriam Road, his vehicle hit a guard rail and then ripped out the fencing.

The truck then crashed into the parked vehicles (that were owned by persons out of state and Canada) and the driver sustained minor injuries.

He was transported to Heritage Hospital in Taylor for treatment.

Free Dan Hurst!!

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Smiling Romulus High School Principal Dan Hurst is seeking your help in raising \$1,000 for his bail to be released from a Muscular Dystrophy Association lock up on Dec. 6.

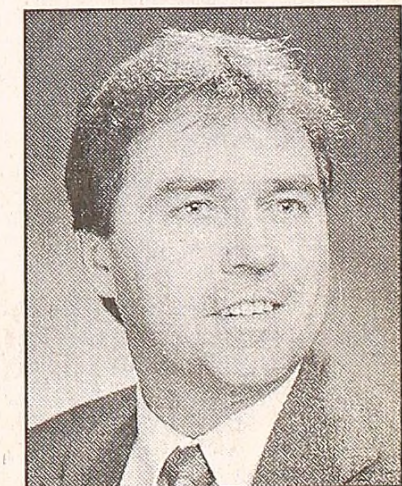
Hurst — a self-described "notorious citizen" — revealed donations toward his "bail" should be sent to Romulus High School before Dec. 4.

Donations can be sent via cash or credit cards (Visa or Master Charge).

The Muscular Dystrophy Association Tax ID number is: 13-1665552.

Hurst, who will be making his final collection on Dec. 6 at the

Double Tree Hotel, urges residents "please help me support the Romulus/MDA and Jerry's Kids."



Dan Hurst

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What, no smiles?

Enjoying a hearty lunch, children look suspiciously as the photographer asks, but doesn't get, the smiles that usually accompany the word "cheese". Kids of all ages will be gathering on the lawn of the Inkster City Hall to welcome Santa and his entourage. Santa's estimated time of arrival is 6 p.m. Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr. and council are inviting all residents to join them in welcoming the man of the hour.

Inkster Post Office extends holiday hours

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

To ease the frustration and stress that usually accompany the holidays, Inkster Postal officials announced this week that they will be open on Saturdays during the month of December.

For the convenience of postal patrons, the Inkster Post Office will be open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 9 and on Sat., Dec. 16.

"The Post Office knows the hol-

Library seeks book lovers

Inkster Public Library officials have launched a search for book lovers.

The library is offering beautifully packaged books, decorated and ready to give as Christmas gifts.

Library officials say that the gifts were chosen with condition and desirability in mind.

Located in the center of the library during open hours through December 24, residents and friends are invited to come in and shop. All proceeds from the sales of the gifts will be used for children's programs during the year.

There are also a few selected editions of "autographed books", "first editions" and new popular authors that are priceless gifts. There are specialized featured books on animals, pets, dogs and cats.

If you don't have your holiday cards, they, too, are available for purchase.

The Inkster Public Library is located at 2005 Inkster Road, one block north of Michigan Avenue. Library hours, Monday through Thursday are 1 p.m. until 8 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Readers who need more information may contact the Inkster Public Library by dialing 313-563-2822.

Westwood preschool program offered

The Westwood School Readiness Preschool Program has openings, school officials announced this week.

The program focuses on getting four-year-olds ready for kindergarten.

Children who will be four-years-old by Dec. 1, 2000 may register at Thorne School, in the Westwood School District. The preschool program is free.

The program, taught by certified teachers, has much to offer a child. There are field trips planned to Sesame Street in January.

Children also are introduced to computers and an academic curriculum to help prepare them for kindergarten are offered.

Children from families of all income levels are invited to register. Further information is available by calling Elaine at 313-292-1691.

No child without Christmas Goodfellows seek volunteers

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Even in the best of times there are the needy.

And, during the worst of times, their numbers multiply not mathematically but algebraically.

In the year 2000, there are still many children who go to bed hungry, and in need.

During the holidays, those children are also usually in tears.

There is a group, known as the Goodfellows whose goal is to eradicate the pain and the sorrow

children suffer during the holidays season, and their motto is simply that there be (i)No Child Without Christmas(r).

"We plan to help between 150 to 200 families this year," says Booker Dozier, president emeritus of the Inkster Goodfellows. "To reach our goal we need volunteers and donations."

Dozier said that the organization's major fundraiser, the sales of their traditional Goodfellows Newspapers, will take place from sunup to sundown on Friday, Dec. 1.

Volunteers are urged to meet at the Inkster Police Auxiliary offices, located at 710 Middlebelt Road, to receive the special edition of the newspaper. All proceeds from the sales of the newspaper will go to purchase gifts and clothing for the children.

"We have always had tremendous response for our community and surrounding communities," Dozier pointed out.

"We are again urging citizens to take part in this worthy cause."

Deck the halls Baylor-Woodson hosts Winterfest

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

'Tis the season to be jolly. To put everyone in a holiday mood, students and staff at Baylor-Woodson Elementary School are hosting their inaugural Winterfest.

School administration announced this week that students will host the Winterfest 2000 early in December.

The celebration is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 13 at the school, located at 28865 Carlyle Avenue.

Families are asked to "Deck

The celebration is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 13 at the school.

the Halls" of the school lobby and holiday tree by bringing their own ornaments or making their own decorations.

School officials add there will be holiday pictures featuring San-

ta Claus, and also a Santa's Workshop - stocked with gift items that children may purchase. There will also be baked goods, hot chocolate and egg nog available.

And what would a winterfest be without caroling?

School officials also said the festive evening will culminate with a raffle of such items as a 19-inch color television set, VCR, a gift certificate and gift basket.

Officials say that this is the first Family Fun Night planned of the school year, and the festivities are co-hosted by the Parent Team and School Staff.

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Santa's helpers

Although "Santa's Helpers" would not identify themselves, they were not that bashful to pose for the photographer. The motley crew helped make Santa's arrival in Wayne and the Wayne Rotary Christmas Parade a success by assisting those who needed it during the parade.

Wayne Rotary parade winners announced

They worked hard and long hours to get ready for Santa, and they also put in long hours building appropriate floats for the annual Wayne Rotary Christmas Parade.

The parade brought Santa to town. He and his entourage are here.

And now, after the parade, there are a few noteworthy postscripts, like who were the winners? That question was answered this week by the Rotarians and a panel of knowledgeable judges.

And the winners are, according to parade judges Dick Clark, Audrey Tucker and Ed Turner who also admitted that they "had a difficult job determining the winners from such an out-

standing field:

- Best Marching Band - The honor goes to Wayne Memorial High School;
- Best Parade Float - The Nativity Scene as presented by St. Michael's Lutheran Church & School;
- Santa's Favorite - The Wayne Chamber of Commerce Coloring Book Sandwich Board worn by Colleen Harder;
- Most Creative - Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 1103, with their "Night Before Christmas" Float;
- Christmas Spirit - Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 1347, from St. Michael's Lutheran who were dressed as "Angels From Above".

And, as part of annual parade, schools were asked to participate in a canned food drive

for the Salvation Army.

Those schools that accepted the invitation to give included: Adams Middle School; Wayne Memorial High School; Hoover Elementary; Taft-Galloway, Vandenburg, Roosevelt-McGrath and Schweitzer.

Rotary officials noted that there were proximately 2,000 cans of food donated - the majority of which came from Wayne Memorial and Taft Galloway.

Schweitzer School officials and students donated a generous check.

"We would like to thank everybody for their generosity," said Donna McEachern, of the Wayne Rotary. "Wayne Rotary members are looking forward to an even bigger and better parade in the year 2001."

Wayne's BPW Club is seeking candidates for scholarship

It costs megabucks these days to attend a college in the United States.

Therefore, it never hurts to receive help in the form of a scholarship to help defray the costs.

If you're planning to attend college next fall, and need financial assistance, the Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club is interested in hearing from you.

The Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club is now accepting applications for a "Career Development Scholarship."

"The Purpose is to recognize and support women entering or re-entering the workforce or seeking to advance their current career," said Paulette Medvecky, program chairperson. "There are certain criteria a candidate must

meet."

Medvecky said the criteria include:

- Demonstrate financial need;
- Live and/or work in the cities of Wayne or Westland;
- Formal acceptance into a college or vocational/technical program;
- Minimum GPA (Grade Point Average) of 2.8, if already enrolled.

Medvecky pointed out that potential candidates who are interested in the Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club scholarship program will need to file a form to express intent.

Candidates seeking application forms should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club, Career Development

Scholarship Committee, 3737 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, MI 48184.

The deadline to submit the application is Dec. 8, 2000.

The Wayne Business and Professional Women's Club is a local chapter of the State and National BPW Federations. The BPW's objectives are to elevate the standards for women in business and professions; to promote the interests of business and professional women; to bring about a spirit of cooperation among business and professional women of the United States and to extend opportunities to business and professional women along lines of industrial, scientific and vocational activities.

For further information, Medvecky may be reached by dialing 734-721-7832, extension 3.

'This must be the Place...'

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

It's curtain time for *This Must Be The Place*.

The popular State IV Adult Community Theatre will present the comedy by Monk Ferris, and directed by Amy Lucas, on Nov. 30 at 8 p.m. There will also be stage productions at 8 p.m. on Dec. 1 and Dec. 2, and a matinee performance scheduled for 2 p.m. on Dec. 3.

Tickets are now on sale at the Wayne Community Center and also will be available at the door at the time of the performance.

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'White Christmas' deadline nears

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The popular winter contest is a drawing contest for Wayne children, 12 and under, who are asked to draw a picture on an 8 1/2 by 11" piece of paper showing the white Christmas of their dreams.

A panel of judges then will judge the entries and the grand prize, would you believe, is a guar-

anteed White Christmas, plus \$30 in Santa Money to spend at participating Wayne Merchants.

Four runners-up will receive \$20 each in Santa Money.

Young artists are requested to pick up an entry form at the Wayne Community Center, located at Howe and Annapolis Road.

About that "guaranteed white Christmas"?

Just ask any recreation official, and they'll explain how they will guarantee snow for Christmas.

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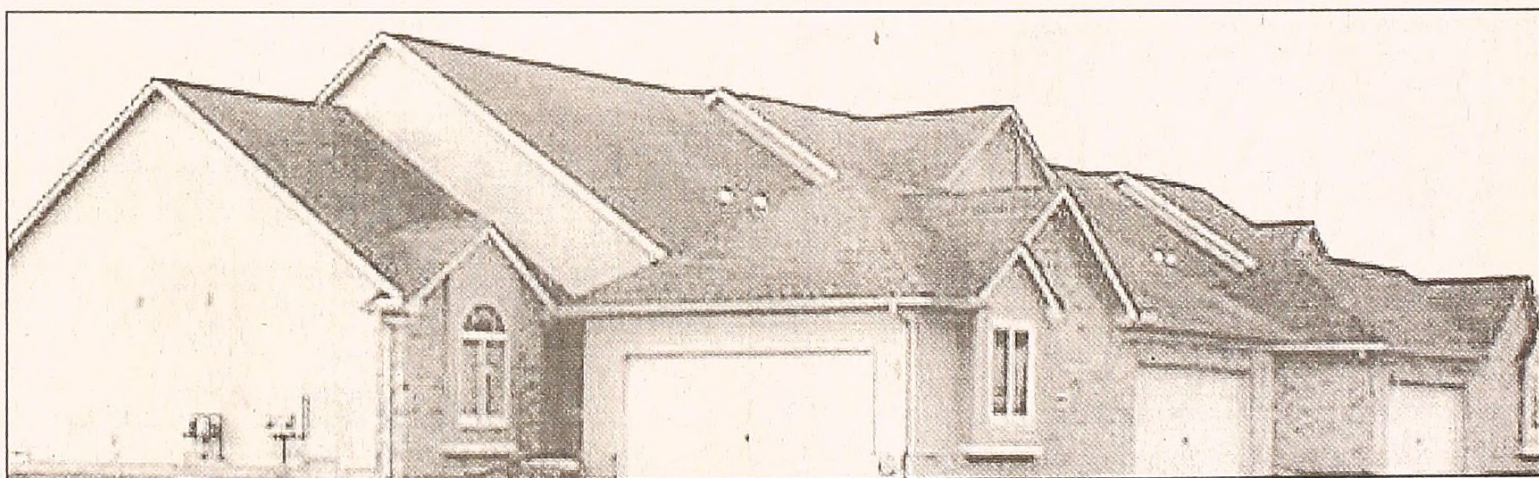
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Holiday Happenings

By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

The Belleville area will host many holiday events this weekend and through the month of December. Following is a brief rundown of the holiday highlights:

- Festival of Trees at the Belleville Area Museum, through Dec. 28.
- City Tree Lighting, Dec. 1, 6 p.m., at the Belleville Area Museum.
- Christmas Parade, Dec. 2, 11

a.m., downtown Belleville.

- Holiday Arts & Crafts Show, Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Van Buren Community Center.
- First United Methodist Church Concert, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.
- September Days Senior Center Christmas Dinner Dance, Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m., reservations required.
- Ornament Workshop, Dec. 9 and 10, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Belleville Area Museum.
- Wayne County LightFest, through Jan. 1, 7 to 10 p.m., Hines Drive from Westland to Dearborn Heights.

In The Shadows at Wal-Mart

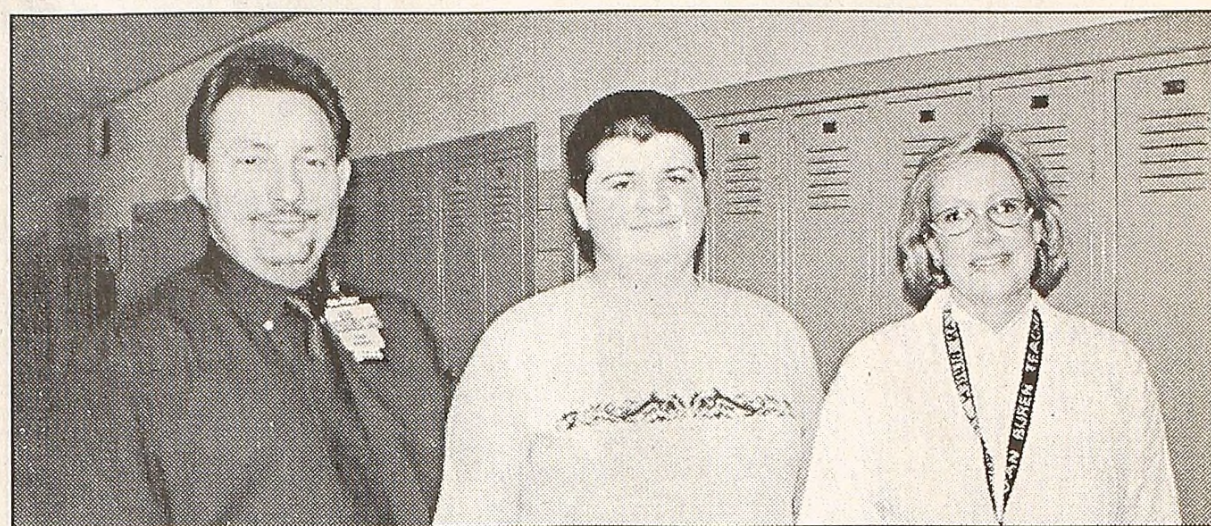
By CAROL MARSHALL
MCN Staff Writer

The Belleville community eagerly awaits the day late in January when Wal-Mart will open the doors to its Belleville Road store. But just because the store's not open yet is no excuse to shirk on community service, said one of the new store's managers, Bob Green.

Green was eager to start giving back to the community, so he enlisted his other new store managers to host a student in the popular School-to-Work program. The School-to-Work program enables students to "shadow" someone in a profession of interest to the student for a day. In a sense, they get a "day-in-the-life" experience, which can help shape their ideas about the "real world" outside of high school. Green says he looks forward to taking on as many students as possible in the monthly program.

It's this kind of community service, Green says, that has earned Wal-Mart its reputation for giving back to the communities that support them.

Green says each Wal-Mart store is allotted a certain number of dollars to give to community groups, on top of the ability to offer time, as in the School-to-Work program. Green says that this year has been particularly fun for the new store, because the allowance for community programs is on a



Wal-Mart store manager Bob Green poses with BHS junior Chad Randall and School-to-Work coordinator Cindy McPhearson.

February-January calendar, so the store was able to give a whole year's worth of contributions in just a few months.

Green says just one of the contributions was a gift of a dozen computers to local schools.

Green and his crew of managers will proudly award the rest of the certificates and gifts at the store's grand opening January 24, 2001.

Wal-Mart is still looking for associates for the new store, and applicants are encouraged to apply in person at the hiring center, located in the Comfort Inn, on the I-94 South Service Drive, conference room 213.

Local resident recognized for her efforts against underage drunk driving in area

Belleville resident Jennifer Reynolds was recently recognized for her efforts to reduce underage drinking.

Reynolds, the victim of a drunk driver, now helps the Belleville Police Department's Safe and Sober Program by speaking with high school students and victim aid groups about how drinking and driving impacted her life.

Reynolds was involved in a crash on Rawsonville Road, New Year's Eve, 1998. She was seriously injured as a result of being struck by the drunk driver.

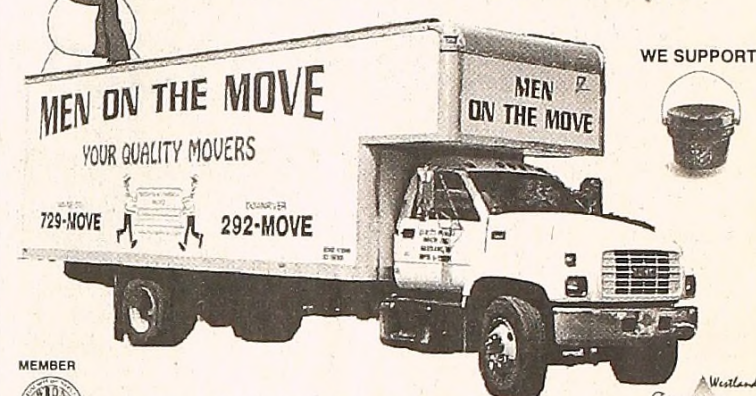
She was recognized at the Wayne County Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking annual awards luncheon, which is an opportunity for the coalition to recognize Wayne County residents who work hard all year to reduce underage drinking.

The Wayne County Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking meets the first Wednesday of each

month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Taylor State Police Post, and welcomes new members. For more information contact (734) 455-4343

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Grease star

Former Romulus High School student Stephanie Stillwagon was featured recently in Tecumseh Youth Theatre production of Grease. The cast of the show also voted Stillwagon as having "The Best 50's Look" as well as being the "most congenial cast member." She also has continued her musical pursuits as a percussionist in two of Tecumseh High School bands.

MADD seeking dry holiday

With the Christmas holiday speeding up on our calendars, leaders of the Michigan Mothers Against Drunk Drivers are pressing their annual six week blitz against drinking and driving.

As they press their red-ribbon campaign in the western Wayne County area, a MADD spokesperson reminds local drivers that "two out of every three children killed in alcohol related crashes are actually passengers in vehicles operated by drunken drivers."

This tragic figure has led MADD to team up with law enforcement efforts to crack down on those flaunting child passenger safety law.

Shirley Walker, chairperson of Michigan MADD, said "we come together now to make people aware of a real danger for children, who ride with adults who insist on driving while they are alcohol impaired."

Many communities began the holiday effort on Thanksgiving Eve and will continue it through New Years Eve.

In the past five years, 51 children (ages 15 and under) were killed while riding with a drunk driver and another 35 were killed when the car they were riding in was crushed by another vehicle operated by a drunk driver.

One of the saddest such incidents occurred when 10-year-old

Michael Delashmit was killed, while being driven home by his divorced father after a weekend stay at the father's home.

The victim's mother said she had divorced the boy's dad because of his drinking problems, but never dreamed her ex-husband would drink before driving his son anywhere.

Sadly the father had a .18 blood alcohol level when he was involved in the fatal crash.

While he survived the crash, the boy died of a broken neck.

For more information on the "Tie One On For Safety" call your local police, MADD chapter or the MADD State Office at 517-631-6233.

People in the news...

Linda A. Ryznar, a junior majoring in biology at Albion College, is spending her fall semester studying in Aberdeen, Scotland, as part of the college's off campus program.

Ryznar, daughter of John S. and Linda A. Ryznar of Romulus, is a graduate of Romulus High School.

Albion's off campus studies are offered in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and various locations throughout the U.S.

Berberian said "I live to be the servant of music, not the master, which gives me cause and purpose."

For more information call Linette Popoff-Parks at 734-432-5709.

Mary Hawk of Canton was one of 18 producers from across the state serving on the Michigan Farm Bureau's State Policy Development Committee.

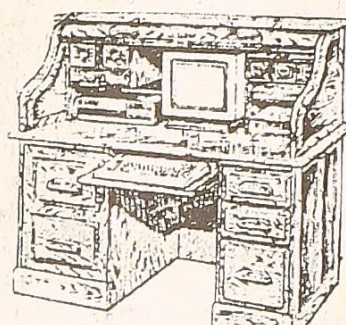
The committee integrated various policy recommendations into 131 options that will be considered at the farm bureau's annual meeting from Dec. 5-8 in Traverse City.

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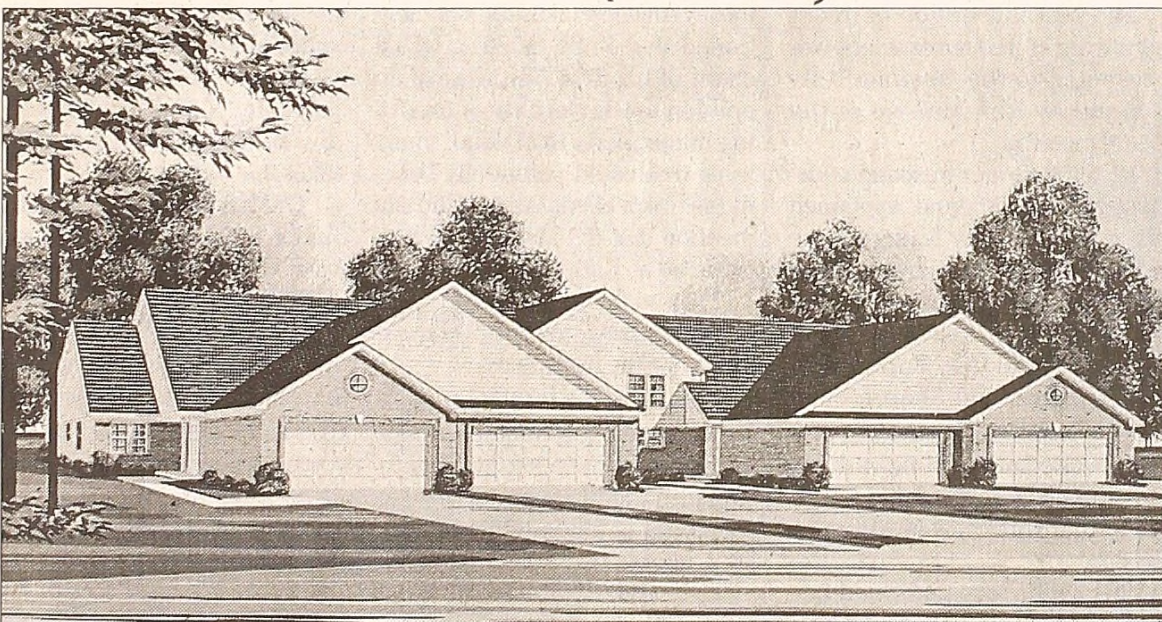
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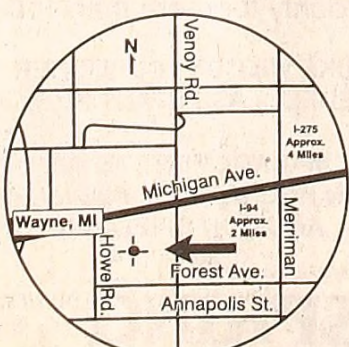
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Now that recall's behind us, consensus building should rule

Whatever the results of Westland's recall election (this was written several hours before the polls closed), it is time for activists on both sides of the issue to bury the hatchet and begin working together for a better Westland.

The Year 2000 began with City Council voting to unceremoniously fire popular city clerk, Patricia Gibbons, and appears to have ended with Council President Trav Griffin and longtime council person Sharon Scott quitting and the possible recall of council members David Cox and David James.

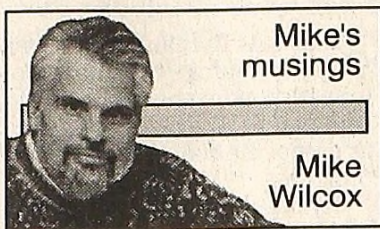
Like the current soap opera being played out at the presidential level, this never-ending story in Westland continues to spew bad blood each and every week at council chambers and other environs. Recall proponents would certainly say it is a necessary evil, and rightfully so, but now that the election is over, it is time to respect the results and move on to consensus building.

More specifically Westland must make it known that it is a government for all the people. In the past many would argue City Hall exists to benefit the pocketbooks of the inner circle. If you're friendly to that inner circle you are treated with dignity and respect. However, try to argue against the powers that be, and you soon become public enemy number one.

That attitude must change -- and change immediately. A governmental body exists to serve all people, friends and foes, black, white or yellow in the same manner. There are no favorites, just like there are no enemies. Westland officials must make this known, loud and clear.

Secondly, council people have to stop politicking and start legislating. We elected council people to run our city, yet decisions seem to be made based on how it will effect one's opportunity to be the next mayor. In other words, to some officials being the next mayor is a much more important objective

than providing the best services possible. Let's agree to keep politics away from council business. There is too much at stake to muddy the waters with politics.



Mike's musings
Mike Wilcox

What a way to end a dream season. Instead of playing for the state championship, the 20-0 Inkster girl's basketball team was forced to watch from the sidelines. It appears that Inkster High because of repeated infractions, has been banned from playing in tournament sports through the 2001-02 school year.

First year coach and athletic director, Dave Mann took a team of freshmen and made them the toast of the town. Everyone expected the Vikings to rip through the Grosse Ile districts on their way to greater challenges at the regional and quarterfinal levels. Unfortunately Mann and others were not aware of the post-season ban and when a last-minute appeal to the Michigan High School Athletic Association was denied, Mann and his girls were forced to sit out of the districts.

It's a travesty that past transgressions end up hurting innocent youngsters. I would like to report that the transgressions were few and minor, but I can't. Ineligible players, failures to rate officials, failure of coach's to attend mandatory rules meetings or pass exams; failure to show up for a girls' district basketball tournament game last year, etc. etc. were more than enough cause to place the sanctions on Inkster.

That said, I hope all readers will join us in congratulating the Inkster Vikings and their undefeated basketball season.



Westland, Boone County share a kink

Occasionally in the hill country of the South you will meet people who through no fault of their own were born with unusual characteristics.

The luckier of them may have been born with six fingers, eyes that won't uncross, or a perpetual drool. The unluckier may have been born with horns or a tail.

These abnormalities result when close relatives inbreed. That's why incest is taboo.

Likewise political incest is taboo. When politicians inbreed, deformed government hatches. Case in point: the Westland government.

The best illustration of freaks born from inbred government was presented to the Westland City Council by Ron Makino at the Dec. 6 meeting.

Ron, the former husband of developer Kathy Makino, explained his version of how Kathy's close relationship with the city attorney's firm and the current and former city council members Sandra Cicirelli, David Cox, Trav Griffin, David James, and Sharon Scott bore the legislative equivalent of a three-headed man: voting on June 5 to virtually accept her bid for 12 lots in the Northview Manor subdivision.

This action was deformed because council not only gave away the store in virtually awarding the bid to Kathy, who owed the city property taxes, over developer Rex Rosenhaus, who didn't, but because political inbreeding blinded the city attorney and council members from seeing through the mountain of cow dung piled up in the council chambers. You see, tax deadbeats are not supposed to be able to purchase property from the city until they



Ivan Helfman

pay up.

The inbreeding described by Ron Makino was the relationship between the city attorney's firm and Kathy Makino. The firm represented Makino in her divorce from Ron, a divorce that Ron said wasn't final until after the June 5 meeting.

At the June 5 meeting, City Attorney Angelo Plakas did not mention that Kathy Makino was a client of his firm. Yet he gave an opinion on the legality of awarding the property to Makino, something that could potentially benefit his firm's client. And he did not mention that the Makinos weren't divorced as Kathy claimed.

This was relevant because Kathy blamed her supposed ex-hubby for the back taxes.

Plakas also advised the council on how to set up a situation where Kathy could have six months to purchase the property, something that could potentially benefit his firm's client.

The above named council members -- all close to Kathy and some of her business partners, all receivers of campaign contribution from her or some of her business partners -- were blinded by their close relationship to her.

At the June 5 meeting, Scott said that she knew that Kathy was not privy to the delinquent tax bills.

"You are no longer, uh, Mrs.

Ronald Makino," she said. "You since are divorced. Is that true? Is that true? 1999?"

Kathy answered: "That's correct. My husband moved out of my home in 1997, so I think all of these taxes are following that."

But at the Nov. 6 meeting, Ron said that he moved out of the house in 1998, not in 1997. That the couple was divorced on June 5, 2000, and that their property was held in a partnership called Makino and Makino.

"Kathy Makino collected and deposited all of the receivables and [supposedly] paid all payables, including property taxes," he said. "Kathy Makino was supposed to pay the property taxes because she collected the receivables. I was as surprised as anyone when I saw the property taxes that were owed."

The Ron blasted Cox and Griffin for not doing "their homework very well" -- they could have easily called him, Ron said.

Ron blasted Cicirelli, an attorney, for not checking the records or asking Plakas, "as his firm represented Kathy Makino in the divorce proceedings," he said.

As a result, council awarded the property to Kathy Makino over Rosenhaus, in effect giving her an interest-free loan of \$51,001 for six months.

When the six months expires next week, the city will have been out interest on the money. At 10 percent, a low rate for a commercial loan, the inbreeding between Kathy Makino and her close council relations conceivably cost the city about \$2,550 in lost interest.

Let this freak legislation be a warning: no more council incest.

Did Romulus voters win???

At this point it looks like a two-man race for mayor in Romulus in 2001, but a third major element will be debated for months by Romulus voters.

About four years ago the city was asked to double the time allotment for its elected officials from two to four years.

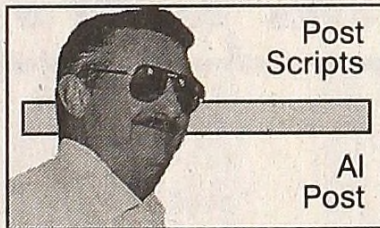
It was ballyhooed that if the voters gave Romulus mayors the extended political terms it would give them the availability to hire better quality department heads, etc.

That issue is sure to come up in coming weeks/months, along with the issue of higher elected officials' salaries.

Those salaries have climbed substantially in recent years -- and with it the hope that some business executives would consider running for office in Romulus.

But to date it appears that those unnamed business executives appear to favor the job safety (?) of that business world.

Issues are not being aired at this time -- except for generalities in the mayor's race, but what Mayor William Oakley (as the first four year mayor) has done with that time period is sure to be debated.



Post Scripts
Al Post

This Saturday local Police Officer Alan Lambert is expected to make it officially a two-man race for the top city post.

Deputy Sheriff and local Councilman William Wadsworth flirted for a while with running for

mayor in 2001. But with his retirement from law enforcement delayed six or so months...so has any plan by Wadsworth to run for mayor.

Key potential backers that Wadsworth could have drawn from appear to be ready to back Lambert at least at the outset.

It is hoped that issues...not personal attacks...will be the main element of the 2001 campaign.

That may be asking too much...but examining the difference between department heads during Oakley's first two year term and those in his current four year term find limited differences...and members of the public have revealed they are strongly aware of that.

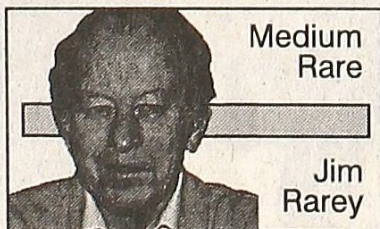
They are currently asking "Did we win by extending our city leaders' terms?"

Will retaliation boomerang Westland recall?

There is an old saying, "what goes around, comes around." Another political axiom, attributed to the Kennedy clan of politicians, is, "don't get mad, get even."

By the time this column is published (it is being written on Monday, Nov. 27th), residents in Westland will have voted in a recall election to oust two city council members who voted, in an apparent act of political retaliation, to fire the City Clerk.

Two other members who participated in the firing resigned rather than face the recall election. The City



Medium Rare
Jim Rarey

Clerk had exposed (blown the whistle) on alleged illegal use of city stationery for campaign purposes.

In Huron Township, a lame duck Board of Trustees voted to take away the city's legal notices business from the Huron River Weekly in what many perceived as a

"payback" for the newspaper's political stance in the recent election. This despite the fact that legal notices will now cost local residents nearly double that charged by that paper which has more than twice the circulation of the new beneficiary of the Board's action.

A similar scenario played out in Romulus a couple of elections ago when the legal notice business was taken from the Romulus Roman, for real or imagined political reasons, and given to a competing paper at a higher cost with less circulation.

That action was reversed the following year when cooler heads prevailed.

It is one thing to take potshots at your political opponents after an election. It is an entirely different matter to use the power of city government to punish those opponents economically, especially at additional cost to the taxpayers and to the detriment of the community as a whole.

There is only one thing worse than a poor loser, That is a vengeful winner!

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It's safety first at railroad crossings

To the Editor:
What are you to do when coming to a railroad crossing? Say that it's OK to cross the tracks? Look both ways? Keep safety first in mind when going over railroad tracks or what? We all ought to know that when around rail lines or most of all going over railroad tracks that it's very important to always keep in mind "SAFETY FIRST!"
Now that a lot of railroad tracks are changing to ribbon rail, trains can go as fast as 80 mph! And when they get to such speeds it takes a lot to stop and it can cause a derailment! How can it cause a derailment? When trains have to make sudden stops the brakes may not take hold on some rail cars. They may lock up and cause the wheels to slide on

the track and as they slide on the rails, the wheels can get flat spots. When the crew of that train does a brake check to see if all the brakes are released, they may not know what brakes may have locked up until the train starts to go. So as the train gets to move again, the car or cars that the brakes lock up may have caused small to large flat spots. As those flat spots on the wheels come down on the rail, it can make a small to a very loud noise. It can cause the rail to get a crack or if in the right spot could derail. It can be a costly thing to the railroad.
Take the issue where tank cars in one town have derailed and exploded and where people in such a town had to evacuate and get out. The railroads would like

you to keep safety first in mind and do them a good favor!
Now take time to think about the accident north of Frontenac, Minnesota, where an NSP utility buck was going across the tracks and was hit. The sad thing was the driver died due to not thinking of safety first, as NSP workers want you to think of, when around power lines and leaking gas lines.
Take the case where a truck went around the crossing arms and went in front of an Amtrak train and caused the train to derail. Some people lost their lives.
There was a case where a little boy in the Twin Cities, who was playing in the rail yard beneath some rail cars. The train then started to move and the boy was

caught underneath and lost his life for being in a place he ought not to have been.
When at a crossing, respect others at the crossing. In another case in Indiana where a driver pushed a car ahead of him into an oncoming train and it was a surprise that the girl survived being dragged almost a mile.
Being a rail fan for 30 some years, I know the value of railroads and know all the safety measures to take when going over rail lines or walking beside them and doing research on them. Railroads have a lot of value and we should be thankful for them. The towns who lost rail services can see why railroads have a lot of value. So put a smile on the engineers of the trains as well as the other who work for

the railroads, that you are remembering safety first and want to see less accidents and even less derailments.
If you are an owner of a UHF/VHF scanner as millions are now days, you can listen to the workers of the railroad talking back and forth to each other or the dispatchers giving out orders. Here are the frequencies for the railroads of this area Burlington Northern, Santa Fe 160-695 MHz, Sooline/CP 160-770 MHz, Union Pacific 161-040 MHz, Wisconsin Central 161-295 MHz.
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Are landlords robbing HUD?

To the Editor:
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from these programs. Well they ended up in prison for life and the county or state foreclosed the properties. There was another case where a landlord went on the Internet to attract low-income people in other towns to come to his town to get on these programs and end up costing the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. The FBI needs to catch and convict those abusing these programs.
I have been on one of these housing programs for 12 years and with the public support and prayers, I now want to go about owning a home. I do apologize for the cost I was to the taxpayers of the country. Your prayers are welcome as I make the switch to go for owning a home. These housing programs don't need to be abused, but need to be used for a helping cause. These low-income people would then go for better paying jobs and then want to become homeowners too. May God bless you all and lets see our taxes go down!

James A. Wedde
Red Wing, MN

Smoke matters to kids

To The Editor:
When visiting our local restaurants, the first question we are asked, "smoking or no smoking?" Does it really matter? How many times have you sat in what was known as a no smoking area only to smell and taste tobacco smoke while trying to enjoy your meal?
Because a few tables away is the smoking section. Who's fooling whom? The farce continues because smoke does not know that it is to stay in a certain area. Our children are exposed to the effects of secondhand smoke too often when we take them to eating establishments where smoking is permitted.

Give our children a Time Out from the pollutants of tobacco smoke and only frequent restaurants who care enough about our children to be Smoke-Free.
Support House Bill 5645 that would eliminate smoking in restaurants. I think it is time parents stand up and protect our children from the known carcinogens in tobacco smoke as well as guarding their health for their children. We must take a stand, now.
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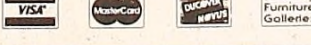
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Annual cookie walk is slated in Wayne

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Cookies will have their day on Dec. 9 at the **First United Methodist Church** of Wayne, as residents are being urged to pick out their special coffee tin and then fill it with assorted homemade cookies.

The cookie walk sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 9, as a number of specialty cookies and candies will be available.

Those specialty items include

fudge, pralines and peanut brittle.

The various size coffee tins cost \$4 for small tins, \$6 for medium size and \$12 for large ones.

For orders or more information call 734-721-4801.

A recent Red Cross blood drive at the **First United Methodist Church** of Belleville collected 49 pints of blood, Alice Payne reported earlier this month.

Payne thanked all those who contributed.

A reminder that a major blood drive effort to aid the blood shortage in the African American community of Inkster is slated from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 29 at the **Greater First Missionary Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall**.

Mary Anne Jones of the American Red Cross reminds area residents that 45,000 in additional blood supplies are needed.

The church is located at 3844 Harrison Ave. (off Carlisle) in Inkster.

To schedule an appointment call Jones at 313-576-4186.

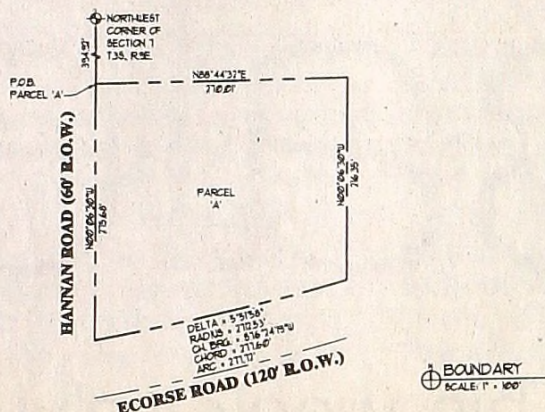
Jones said recent surgeries have been cancelled because of a lack of blood supplies.

"Don't delay in getting your appointment set," Jones urges.

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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised, that the City of Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, December 18, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to consider PC-2000-059, a request to rezone 1.54 acres located on the northeast corner of Ecorse and Hannan Roads [DP# 026 99 0015 000] from C-2 (General Business) to C-3 (Highway Service) for a 7-11 Convenience Store with Citgo Gasoline Station.



All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, December 18, 2000 and should be addressed to Bradley Raymond, Director, Building, Safety and Engineering Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485.

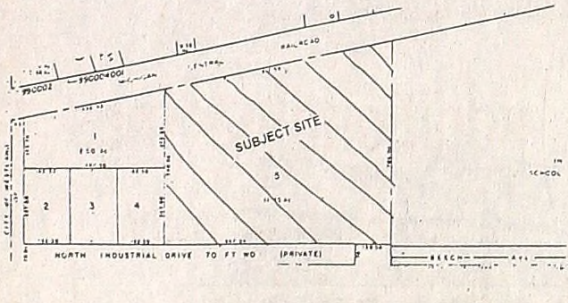
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: November 23, 2000

CITY OF INKSTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO ACT 207 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FOR 1921 AS AMENDED, THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE CITY OF INKSTER'S PLANNING COMMISSION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2000 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE BOOKER T. DOZIER RECREATION COMPLEX, 2025 MIDDLEBELT ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN, 48141. THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS TO CONSIDER A REQUEST BY NEXTEL, INC. FOR APPROVAL TO COLOCATE, AN ANTENNAE ONTO AN EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AS REQUIRED PER SECTION 155.067, AS AMENDED, OF THE CITY ORDINANCE NO. 277 (CITY ZONING CODE). THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON NORTH INDUSTRIAL DRIVE, EAST OF HENRY RUFF ROAD AND IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THE FOLLOWING:

LOT 5 OF "INDUSTRIAL ACRES SUBDIVISION", A PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 26, T2S, R9E, CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 98, PAGES 83 AND 84, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS. (PROPERTY ID # 44-020-03-0006-306, COMMONLY IDENTIFIED AS 30010 N. INDUSTRIAL DRIVE)



PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE INVITED. PERSONS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING MAY SEND THEIR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CITY OF INKSTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, 2121 INKSTER ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN, 48141. COMMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED THROUGH 12:00 NOON, DECEMBER 11, 2000. PLEASE REFERENCE CASE NO. PC2K-17 IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

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Lawrence Chastang
City of Inkster
Planning Commission

Publish: November 30, 2000

60,000 garments are lost in Salvation Army blaze

The day before Thanksgiving a Salvation Army Thrift Store was heavily impacted by a nearby fire that destroyed 60,000 used garments that would have been among those sold during the Christmas season.

The store in Auburn Hills was called one of the "best performing stores in the Detroit organization," an Army spokesman said.

The fire reportedly actually started in the nearby Whirly Ball recreation center that shares space with the S.A. store.

Merle Miller, administrator of the adult rehabilitation center funded by the thrift store, stated "we were fortunate not to have our facility itself hit by the fire.

"However we will have to do something to replace the inventory before the store can return to full operation. It will be a real challenge," Miller said.

The first chore for the store operations will be to remove all the soiled garments and other damaged items.

Then it is hoped that the public and other S.A. operations in the Metro Detroit area will be able to

donate clothing, appliances and other re-sale items to help them restart operations there quickly because of the upcoming holiday season.

Items can be dropped off at the store located at 823 E. Auburn Road in Auburn Hills.

The thrift shops — similar to

those in Romulus, Wayne and other nearby cities — are the primary resources for funds for the local Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Centers.

The centers are the focal points of treatment of men, who are seriously impacted by drug and alcohol abuse.

CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of Wayne, Michigan will hold a Public Hearing on December 5, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider recommendations made by the 2000 Local Law Enforcement Advisory Committee.

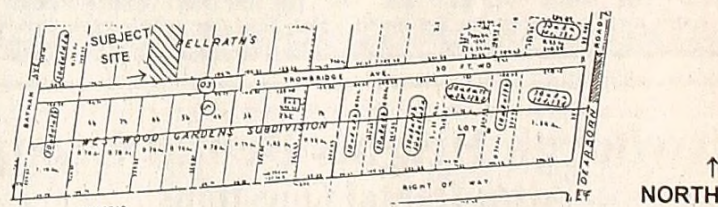
Mary E. Carney
City Clerk

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COMMENCING AT THE N.W. CORNER OF LOT 6, FELLRATH'S WESTWOOD GARDENS SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 30, T2S, R10E, CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 68 OF PLATS, PAGE 99, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, THENCE S 00 DEGREES 09'20" W 412.44 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 6; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 50'40" E 24.61 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 0009'20" E 30.00 FEET; THENCE S 89 DEGREES 50'40" E 22.00 FEET; THENCE S 00 DEGREES 09'20" W 30.00 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 50'40" W 22.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PART OF SAID LOT 6; CONTAINING 660 SQ. FT. OR 0.015 ACRES MORE OR LESS; SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, IF ANY, TOGETHER WITH A 20 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS-EGRESS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE N.W. CORNER OF LOT 6, FELLRATH'S WESTWOOD GARDENS SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 30, T2S, R10E, CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN AS RECORDED IN LIBER 68 OF PLATS, PAGE 99, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, THENCE S 00 DEGREES 09'20" W 530.32 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 6 TO THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF TROWBRIDGE ROAD (50 FT. WIDE); THENCE N 79 DEGREES 03'40" E 94.81 FEET ALONG SAID NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N 04 DEGREES 19'03" W 110.51 FEET; THENCE N 89 DEGREES 50'40" W 37.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING; AND TOGETHER WITH A 6 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS; COMMENCING AT THE N.W. CORNER OF LOT 6, FELLRATH'S WESTWOOD GARDENS SUBDIVISION, A PART OF THE N.E. 1/4 OF SECTION 30, T2S, R10E, CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 68 OF PLATS, PAGE 99, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS, THENCE S 00 DEGREES 09'20" W 328.21 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 68 DEGREES 01'17" E 29.74 FEET; THENCE S 09 DEGREES 09'20" W 43.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING. (PROPERTY ID # 44-020-03-0006-306, COMMONLY IDENTIFIED AS 26427 TROWBRIDGE)



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Lawrence Chastang
City of Inkster
Planning Commission

Publish: November 30, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 21, 2000

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Cindy King, Clerk Joannie Payne, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Trustee Phillip Hart, Trustee John Herman, Trustee Jeffrey Jahr and Trustee Walter Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Director of Development Bryce Kelley, Public Safety Director Mark Perkins, Director Recreation and Facilities Bruce Ross, Deputy Public Safety Director Al Smolen, Parks and Lake Director Mike Cipko, Water and Sewer Director Patti Duha, Executive Assistant Susan Ireland, Secretary Kathleen Cline and an audience of ten (10).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of October 16, 2000, as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Budd seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2000, as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor King read a letter thanking the Recreation Department for sponsoring the computer camp program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the reappointment of Thelma Wolf to the Endowment Committee and the appointment of Lila Warner to the Endowment Committee with terms to expire January 15, 2002. Carried.

Hart moved, Herman seconded to approve accepting the donation of the Fire Safety House and secondly, to adopt the Fire Safety House Procedure [note effective date change to November 21, 2000] as presented by Director Smolen and outlined in his November 13, 2000 memo. Carried.

Payne moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the purchase of a new Pierce multi-purpose emergency response vehicle from Halt Fire, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$159,071 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the appropriate contractual documents. Carried.

Budd moved, Herman seconded to approve the demolition contract with Don Makowski and Sons, Inc. to remove the structure located at 349 Sumpter Road in the amount of \$6,591.18 to be expensed from the Community Block Grant fund and authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Payne seconded to approve the November 21, 2000 and November 7, 2000 voucher lists as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor King ordered the September 2000, Public Safety and October 2000, Budgetary Reports received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Township Administrative offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23, 2000 and Friday, November 24, 2000 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Director Ross announced that the Recreation Department would be receiving the Innovative Programming Award for the Intergenerational Computer Camp. Director Ross stated this is the third year in a row that the Recreation Department will be receiving an award from the Michigan Recreational Parks Association and thanked the Van Buren and Belleville Police Departments for their help.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Rochowiak moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Supervisor

Publish: November 30, 2000

Letters from our readers

M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Old regime sneaking back to Friendship Center

To the editor:

The Senior Resources Department will never be back to normal. It looks like the old regime is trying to get back in because they couldn't run it from the outside. Barb, Doris and the staff was doing such a great job. I truly believe that Sylvia was jealous of the fine job the staff was doing.

Sylvia wasn't asked to come back and help with things. Sylvia forgets why we seniors wanted her out of the Friendship Center to begin with.

We should never forget how much she took from us taxpayers by making trips to the casino. Lots of questions still linger about the senior building fund, among other

things.

The mayor has said he wanted politics out of the center. Barb removed politics from the center. Just because she gets along with everyone, doesn't mean she is politicking. I feel and others seniors are saying that the new director will probably have to consult with Sylvia for help. Next they will want to pay her as a consultant, like they did Diane Fritz.

Why? Barb was doing a great job. She had no pets. Everyone was treated equal. Of course they will probably want to bring back her big-mouthed casino partner too. Probably to spy for Sylvia and the mayor.

The mayor has made a huge mistake because the new director is not qualified for the job (no degree). Barb has a degree in gerontology. She will be forced to do the work as she has all along because the new one doesn't know what to do. I am sure it will be just like before. The staff did all the work while Sylvia was at the casino.

Sylvia has influenced the mayor in this new appointment. It is becoming common knowledge that Barb received an anonymous phone call two weeks before the appointment. The anonymous caller told Barb that the new director had been appointed to help Sandy Cicirelli get elected as the new mayor. Guess again Sandy. Does this sound like politics has been removed from the Friendship Center? I think not.

Name withheld

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CITY OF WAYNE

DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF CITY OF WAYNE

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the City of Wayne will meet at Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact. Property assessments can only be changed for:

1. 2000 Poverty Exemption.
2. Homestead Exemption status.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call or visit the City of Wayne Assessing Department at 734-722-2000 prior to December 12, 2000.

Mary E. Carney

City Clerk

Publish: November 23, 2000

November 30, 2000

December 7, 2000

ABSTRACT

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2000-34

NOVEMBER 21, 2000

Regular meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, November 21, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne City Hall. All Members Present. APPROVED: minutes of Special Meeting held November 6, 2000 and Regular Meeting of November 7, 2000; bids awarded for pick-up truck for Animal Control Officer and computer hardware for GIS/Storm Water Management System; applications for renewal of the licenses to operate one (1) billiard table at Flanagan's Pub and Grub, 32036 Michigan Avenue, forty (40) bowling lanes and ten (10) billiard tables at Wayne Bowl, 36900 Michigan Avenue; appointment of Michael Greuber to the Planning Commission to July 2002; appointment of Noel Derr to the Festival Commission to October 2003; reappointment of Audrey Tucker and Mayor Pro Tem Pamela Dobrowolski to the Nankin Transit Commission to December 2002; payment to Great Lakes Heating & Cooling, on an emergency basis, for the purchase and installation of a portable air conditioning unit for the computer room at the Police Department; payment to Pierce Manufacturing for body and paint repairs to Fire Truck #211; payment to The Senior Alliance, Inc., for FY 2001 membership dues; declaration of 3348 Mildred Street a Hazard/Nuisance and assess the charges to the owner of record; 2000 Employee Suggestion Board Awards; transfer of the cable television franchise from MediaOne/AT&T to Comcast; payment to Maxwell Medals & Awards, for the purchase of figure skating competition medals for ISI Wayne Figure Skating; Professional Services Agreement with Riccobono Production to provide entertainment for Wheelfest 2001; resolution in support of a mini-grant application to the State of Michigan, Office of Senior Services to the Aging, for the purchase of three (3) computers and computer desks for the Senior Activity Center; amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Torre & Bruglio, Inc., regarding the fall clean-up of the Streetscape and Civic Center areas; site plants, #2000-32, National City Bank, 35215 Michigan Avenue West, #2000-33, Allied Support Systems - Unistrut Corporation, 4019 Elizabeth Street, #2000-34, Maui Travel, 35122 Michigan Avenue West. Called Public Hearings for December 5, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. regarding a 2000 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant and December 19, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. to discuss proposed amendments to the Codified Ordinance concerning junk dealers and junk yards. Received and filed Communications and Reports and Consent Calendar. Recessed at 8:45 p.m. to Closed Session to discuss the purchase of real estate and specific pending litigation. Reconvened in Open Session at 9:58 p.m. and approved an additional \$5,446.00 towards the proposed purchase of 35129 Ash Street and to allow the seller to live rent-free until March 1, 2001.

Mary E. Carney

City Clerk

Publish: November 30, 2000

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on File No. VBT-087-VA in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, MI 48111, on Tuesday December 12, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

This Public Hearing relates to Parcel I.D. No. V 125-83-083-01-0083-000, lot 83 in the Huron Hills Subdivision, located on North Shore Drive.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren R-1B (Single-Family Residential) Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a new single-family detached dwelling.

Approval of this application as submitted, therefore would require the following variances:

ARTICLE XVII, SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS, a seven foot (7') side yard variance to locate the residence eight feet (8') from the sideyard setback where fifteen feet (15') is required.

ARTICLE XVII, SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS, a seven foot (7') combined side yard setback variance to provide a ten foot (10') setback on one side of the residence, and an eight foot (8') setback on the other side, where a total of twenty-five (25) is required.

Written comments will be accepted at the Development of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above referenced Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Service at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Publish: November 30, 2000

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

SECTION 00100

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

1. Barton Malow Company requests bids on behalf of Romulus Community Schools for the installation of the Fiber Optic WAN Infrastructure Bid Package No. T2 work. Bid proposals will be received by Romulus Community Schools, 3650 Grant Road, Romulus MI 48174, delivery or mail to the attention of Mr. William Routhier by 9:00 a.m. local time on December 14, 2000. Proposals must be sealed with bidder's name on the outside of the envelope and designated as follows:

Sealed Proposal
Romulus Community School, Fiber Optic WAN Infrastructure
New Elementary School
Bid Package No. T2
Bid Category _____
Contractor Name, Address, Phone Number
2. Proposals shall be prepared in accordance with the Project Manual and contract and construction documents dated October 19, 2000 by the Barton Malow Company:

BID PACKAGE NO. T2 - FIBER OPTIC WIDE AREA NETWORK
3. A pre-bid conference and site visit/tour will be held for all trades at Barton Malow Company Field Office located at: 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on November 27, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. All bidders are responsible for attendance at the pre-bid conference. Pre-bid conference minutes will be distributed to all who are known by the Barton Malow Company to have received contract documents, but the Barton Malow Company and Owner will not be responsible for providing information to those not attending the pre-bid conference. Information disclosed in the pre-bid conference minutes will be considered part of the bidding and contract documents.
4. Bidding documents can be obtained from Barton Malow Company at the Romulus Schools field office located at: 9650 South Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174, phone: (734) 941-0869, fax: (734) 941-1278. A refundable deposit of \$50.00 per document set is required.
5. Accepted bidders will be required, as a condition precedent to award of contract, to furnish in the amount of 100% of the contract price, satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond and Certificates of Insurance as required in The Project Manual. This project is subject to state sales tax and/or use tax.

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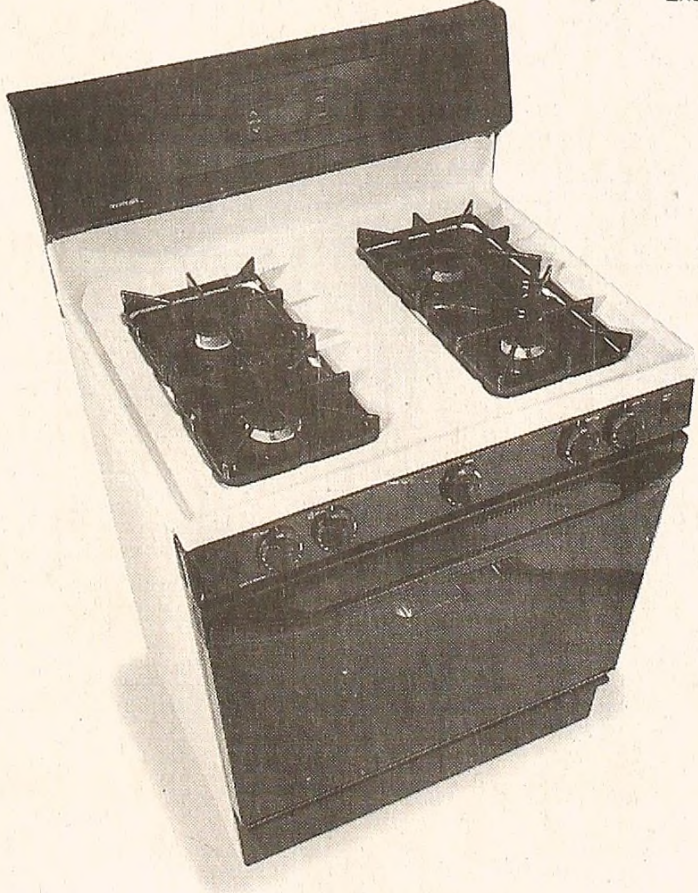
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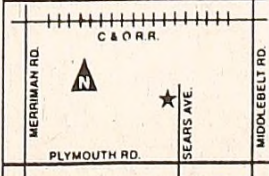
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Ford Employee or eligible family member

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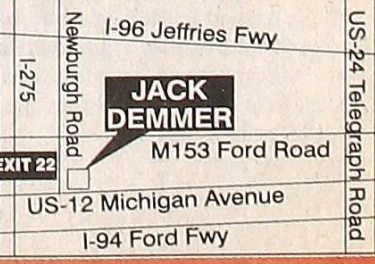
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Hoops previews

Late-starting Belleville opens season at Country Day

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Although they will begin the 2000-2001 campaign on Dec. 9, a week later than most high school basketball teams, Belleville and coach Rod Fisher have picked the Detroit Country Day's tough Tip-Off Classic for starters.

Fisher's Tigers will take on Walled Lake Central in one of

nine games scheduled to be played at the tournament hosted by the Birmingham high school.

Central, a Western-Lakes Conference affiliate, and Belleville, representing the Mega Conference, Red Division, will square off at 1 p.m.

Fisher says he does not know what Central has in the form of returning lettermen, "but they do have a respectable basketball pro-

gram over there."

Fisher has two premier players returning to his lineup.

Jerriel Burrus, a 5-9 junior ball-handling whiz of a playmaker, and Antoine Jordan, a 6-3 forward, who played in the shadows of All-Stater Kevin Harrison a year ago, could continue the Belleville tradition of producing winning hoops teams.

Harrison, who attended East-

ern Michigan University on a football scholarship, led the Tigers in scoring (19.3 per game) and rebounding (7.3) a year ago.

When it comes to basketball, the Tigers have always had an appetite for titles. And this year's Tigers are no exceptions.

Fisher also has several other players returning from last year's squad which, incidentally, was one of only three teams that defeated

the defending champ, Romulus, in the battle for the conference championship.

Although they saw limited action a year ago, such Belleville players as Lorne Johnson, who broke into the lineup as a freshman a year ago, is expected to carry an even heavier load in this year's campaign; Kris Miller, a 6-3 forward; Jason Szmansky (5-10, senior), B. J. Grimes (5-11, senior)

and Harvey Beavers (6-3, senior forward) should give opponents a lot to think about.

Belleville finished with an enviable 16-6 record a year ago.

In his fifth year as head coach, Fisher doesn't see a clear cut title favorite in the division.

If there is a team that may stand out, it's Ypsilanti. The

See **HOOPS**, page B-3

Wayne awaits its new coach

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne Woodward realizes that he is following a "class act" at Wayne Memorial High School.

Woodward replaces a coaching icon, Chuck Henry, as head coach and the new head coach will make his debut Tuesday night at Plymouth-Canton.

"I know I have a tough act to follow here," says Woodward. "It's not going to be easy. There are not going to be many changes. We're just going to do our best."

Wayne has been one of the dominating forces in the Mega-Red Division and, under coach Henry, won three conference championships and made three appearances in the state quarterfinals, sweeping up district and regionals championships en route to the final "4".

No one has ever taken Wayne lightly and not paid the consequence.

And, under Wayne Woodward, the respect for the school's outstanding program will continue.

Woodward knows the league, the coaches and the players it produces.

And, when it comes to deciding who will surface on top of the league, it's usually anyone's guess.

"Right now, you can make a case for anyone," said Woodward. "Belleville, Romulus, Rouge - you take the pick. And Ypsilanti has most of its lineup intact, while Willow Run can put three players who are 6'6" or taller on the floor."

"Every night, it's going to be a war," Woodward warns.

Wayne lost All-Area, All-Conference point guard Shane Nowak to graduation, but two seniors and a junior could return the Zebras to the glory days.

Gary Johnson, a 6-1 veteran of two campaigns, is working to replace Nowak at point guard and Mattb Patterson, a 6-2 forward, brings plenty of athletic skills to the team.

Clifton Edwards, a junior, also returns and among his credentials is the top rebounder for the 1999-2000 season.

Not noted for its height, Wayne usually deploys a three-guard backcourt and punishes defenses with their quickness and their ability to go through the lane.

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Guy DelGiudice (above), who guided the Eagles to a 22-3 overall record and a Mega Conference, Red Division title a year ago, will begin his eighth season as Romulus head basketball coach Tuesday night at Ann Arbor Pioneer. Pioneer handed the Eagles a season-ending loss a year ago in a Class A regional championship game. The game was decided in overtime. Photo by Carl Brown

Romulus starts from scratch

A year ago, Romulus came within one shot of reaching the Class A state quarterfinals, but lost to Ann Arbor Pioneer, 76-74, in OT in a regional final game. That loss put a wrapper on a 22-3 season that included coach Guy DelGiudice's first Mega-Red Division basketball title.

DelGiudice isn't looking for titles this year, or championships, but a survivor's knif in a conference that has plenty of basketball talent.

And time, though on his side, may work against him early in the season.

The veteran coach will not have his go-to All-Area, All-State players Kevin Thomas and Byron Cole, or 6-8 center Chris Garwood, to pump in baskets during those big games this season.

In fact, DelGiudice says he doesn't have a single starter off of last year's squad.

"We have no one with real experience back," says DelGiudice who, ironically, returns to Ann Arbor Pioneer

See **EAGLES**, page B-3

Robichaud begins hoops Odyssey against Lincoln

Robichaud and coach Monte Dennard will begin their 2000-2001 hoops odyssey Tuesday night at home against out-of-conference opponent, Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Lincoln will be an excellent test for the inexperienced Bulldogs, Dennard stressed.

In his eighth year as head coach at Robichaud, Dennard will have two notable players returning from a team that posted a respectable 15-9 overall record and remained in the thick of the Mega Conference, White Division title race right down to the wire a year ago.

Monroe managed to win the Mega-White. The Trojans were awarded for their success on the pine with a berth in the upper tier of the conference, the Mega-Red Division.

With perennial title threat Monroe out of the way, the race for the divisional title this year

may be a wide open one, coaches point out.

But Dennard believes that the early nod should go to Dearborn. He points out that the Pioneers have two outstanding players returning to their lineup. One, Ryan Golem, was an All-State candidate a year ago.

And what about the divisional runner-up, Robichaud? What are the Bulldogs' chances of strolling off the hardwood with a title in 2001?

Dennard says that there are too many question marks to answer before he would answer those questions.

"Our team needs a lot of work. Since the majority of our players don't have any or have little varsity experience, our game plan right now is to get ready for our opener," Dennard said. "We had a pool of between 25 to 30 candidates show up the first week. There is talent

in that group."

Dennard said he felt he may be able to put together a lineup that will be competitive."

One big reason why Robichaud managed to make a run for the title a year ago was Chris Walker, who scored in double digits in 20 games and was the team's scoring and rebounding leader.

The foundation for this Robichaud team has a pair of capable juniors.

They are Marcus Johnson, a 6-7 forward who started at quarterback for the Bulldogs in the recently completed football campaign and was recently named to the All-West squad as an end.

The second standout is Tron Thomasson, who is 6-1 and can play handle the backcourt chores, or move to the front line if needed.

However, Johnson may not be available for action until mid-December. See **ODYSSEY**, page B-3

It's same story at Salem, Rocks remain solid

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Players may come and go at Plymouth-Salem, and coaches may come and go in the Western Lakes Conference - but not at Salem where coach Bob Brodie continues to hold camp.

Brodie, who has one of the more enjoyable basketball programs in the area, will begin his 17th season as Salem's head coach Tuesday night on the home turf when Monroe comes to town.

Monroe has always been a tough opener, and Brodie says this year's opener will be no exception.

"They have an excellent program over there," Brodie said. "It will be a good test for our kids."

Brodie is aggressively searching for someone to replace his 6-6 All-Area, All-State center, Matt McCaffrey, who averaged 16 points, 12 rebounds and two blocked shots in a 13-10 Salem campaign a year ago.

"Matt came on strong at the end of the season," Brodie recalled. "He was tough when he needed to be. He took up a lot of space under the boards and he's going to be difficult to replace."

Despite McCaffrey's departure, the Rocks will not be weak inside.

Or outside. In the backcourt or the frontcourt.

Brodie has a pair of 6-5 athletes - Ryan Hayden and Barry Slavin and also 6-4 senior Nick Tochman to make life easy for him and tough on the opposition. The are proven players on the pine.

Seniors Jeff Haar, a 6-0 guard whose time card didn't have any chads on them, saw a lot of playing time with last year's team, and teammate Scott Discher definitely are key players in Brodie's overall strategy. A 6-3 sophomore, Dave Hoskins, who quarterbacked the Rocks' football team, should be able to contribute to this year's Salem success story after he make the transition from gridiron to hardwood.

A very athletic Pat Abraham, who is a 6-3 junior, adds depth to the Salem roster.

With a huge turnover of coaches in the conference, Brodie says that this year's season could be "very exciting."

Paradoxically, also "confusing".

"I know the league is going to be very competitive," Brodie offered. "But, because of the reported turnover in coaches, you really

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Right now, we're getting ready for Monroe.

- Coach Brodie

don't know what to expect. It could also wind up very confusing."

Brodie quickly pointed out that he doesn't have the luxury of waiting to see what the others are doing.

"Right now, we're getting ready for Monroe. After that, we'll see where and what adjustments need to be made."

Salem is not scheduled to play on the first Friday of the season, Dec. 1, but will return to the hardwood at Belleville on Dec. 12, where the Rocks may receive a rude welcome for a team that could be the next Mega-Red champ.

In the meanwhile, Brodie's counterpart at Plymouth-Canton, Jeremy Rheault, is preparing to make his debut as Canton's head coach. Rheault, who replaced former head coach Dan Young, will face a Wayne Memorial team that also has a first-year coach, Wayne Woodward, at the helm.

Canton posted an 11-11 record a year ago.

The transition from Young to Rheault may see some significant changes in Canton's strategy, the Canton coach says. Rheault wants to see his players taking more shots from the perimeter and playing a more aggressive style of defense.

"We have players who can shoot the threes," said Rheault, "and we're going to set it up for them to be able to do so."

The Canton coach concurs with Brodie that the season, because of the many changes - some unpredictable - could be an interesting one to follow.

"I really believe the talent is kind of spread around in the league this year. It's not concentrated in one place. It is going to be interesting to see who does what."

"I know that there is a lot of speculation and anticipation."

After the opening night clash with Wayne, Canton also has a week to work out its kinks before a Dec. 8 meeting in Ann Arbor with the River Rats at Huron High.

Rookie coach faces major challenges

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Steve Brooks must be a masochist.

How else can one explain his acceptance to do what many believe is impossible?

Brooks has taken on the responsibility of picking up the pieces of the Inkster High a shattered basketball program. The program came under scrutiny by the Michigan High School Athletic Association for a whole slew of violations, including the use of an ineligible football player, not notifying a host school that it (Inkster High) would not field a team for a district basketball playoff game, and violation of contracts with

visiting sports umpires and referees.

Brooks, a 1973 Flint Northern High School graduate, whose coaching credentials include coaching AAU teams during his 12-year tenure as coach, said he is eager and ready for the challenge.

"There were over 40 players who showed up for our first-day of scheduled practice," Brooks said. "That's how eager these kids are to play basketball and to get started."

"If given a chance, there isn't anything we can't do. Look what

our girls' basketball team accomplished this season."

Brooks was referring to the Inkster High's girls' basketball team, a team that posted an unprecedented 20-0 record in winning its first-ever Mega-Gold Division basketball championship.

Unfortunately, because of the MHSAA ban, the team was not eligible to compete in the post-season district playoffs. Personal pleas by members of the school district's board of education and top officials who traveled to Lansing to meet with MHSAA's executive board did not persuade

the MHSAA to lift the sanctions.

How do you prepare for a season when you know that your team is ineligible to compete for the state title?

"It is difficult," Brooks admits. "It's also very unfortunate that innocent children have to pay for someone's past violations. But these kids have a positive attitude about all of this, so we move on from there."

Brooks also pointed out that installing his program may take time.

"I think we're all looking forward to the upcoming season and

to opening day. Attitude is important, and I feel we can help create a positive attitude in our players."

Inkster will open the season at home Tuesday night against Academy of Detroit, an Inkster-based charter school. Then, on Friday (Dec. 1) the Vikings take on Dearborn, one of the pre-season picks to win the Mega Conference, White Division title.

Monroe, the defending White Division champ, moved up to the Mega-Red, while conference officials assigned Inkster to the Mega-White. Although the

Vikings will not be able to compete in the post-season playoffs, they will have an opportunity to play for their divisional championship.

The White Division is not an easy one. With such traditional basketball powers as Highland Park, Robichaud, Dearborn, and Fordson in the division, some coaches believe the division is as good as the Red, and among the best in the state.

"Nothing is going to come easy," says Brooks. "It's going to take a lot of hard work. And these kids know it."

What's the saying about a journey of a thousand miles - it begins with the first step.

Can regional hoops champ Belleville dethrone King?

Can regional champ Belleville High dethrone Detroit King and advance to the Class A state semifinals?

That is the question Belleville High's girls' basketball fans were asking as the week began and the final three games of the season slowly surfaces over the horizon.

Detroit King, ranked No. 1 - or near the top - most of the season, is a 10-point favorite to end the Tigers' season, but Belleville coach Kevin Edwards has been there, done it and come out unscathed before.

The two teams were scheduled to meet Tuesday night.

The Tigers realize they can't afford to play the way they did in the first eight minutes of the regional championship against

an inspired Dearborn team and expect to reach the quarterfinals.

The jittery Tigers managed only to capitalize on two of their 17 shots in the first quarter, but came back and stunned the Pioneers, 57-34, at Lincoln to seal the regional crown and qualify for Tuesday night's quarterfinal match up with Detroit King.

The Pioneers couldn't buy a basket against Belleville's defense in the second half - and that saved the three time defending regional champ.

The quarterfinal was scheduled to be staged at Eastpointe High School in East Detroit. The winner will advance to the state semis scheduled for Nov. 30 at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

In their last two quarterfinal appearances, Belleville found the going rough. They lost to Lansing Everett and to Okemos.

In the regional, Courtney Ivan and Lisa DeBuck rallied the Tigers with their play on the boards and with their defense.

Dearborn was held to single-digit scoring in the final three quarters of their season and didn't pose a serious threat after that disastrous Belleville first period.

The Tigers have to thank Crystal Steward and Amantha Combs for the bulk of their points. Steward scored nine, while Combs came up with 11 points.

Edwards and the Tigers improved their record to 23-2 on the season.

Legendary champs to be honored

If Belleville makes it to the state finals, the Tigers will get a glimpse of some legendary girls' basketball champs.

Back-to-back winners of Michigan High School Athletic Association Class C girls' basketball championships in 1984 and 1983, Newaygo High School will be honored through the Associa-

tion's *Legends Of the Games* program.

The spotlight will turn on the former stars during halftime of the Class C championship game of the 2000 Girls Basketball Finals at Rose Arena in Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, Dec. 2.

The Class C championship game will begin at 5 p.m.

In the fourth year, the Legends program promotes athletics by showcasing some of the great teams of the past.

At least seven members of those teams are expected to be in attendance to receive commemorative plaques and a banner during the ceremony to display at the school.

A new era begins Lloyd to run Glenn's show

A new basketball era will begin Tuesday night when Joel Lloyd is introduced as Westland John Glenn's head coach.

Lloyd replaces Mike Schuette, who decided to step down after a lengthy coaching career in the Wayne-Westland Community School District.

Don't look for many immediate changes in the program, Lloyd says. But the first-year varsity coach does promise an "up-beat, exciting brand of ball game."

"Basically, I like the man-to-man philosophy when it comes to defense and an up-tempo offense," offered Lloyd as he prepared for the Tuesday night home opener against Ann Arbor Huron.

Lloyd also knows the value of the perimeter, and he says that he likely will have his players taking more threes. It opens up the lanes and also frees up the men inside.

Although it is his inaugural season as a head coach of a boys' varsity team, Lloyd has coached the varsity girls' team for three years and also the junior varsity team for two years. All-in-all he has coached in the district for the past 12 years.

Coming on the scene to pick

up the pieces of a team that had its worst season in more than a quarter of a century - Glenn won only four games, while losing 16 a year ago, Lloyd will have his work cut out for him. He doesn't have any proven starters to build upon, but what he does have is a hard-core of dedicated players.

Most likely candidates for starting assignments include 5-11 senior guard Brent Bogle, who can shoot threes and has excellent ball-handling skills.

Then, there are Darnell Dorris, also a senior guard who stands 6-1 but jumps as if he is 6'5"; Mike Franks, who has a knack for coming up with the big plays and walking off the floor with individual scoring honors; and Mike Goree, a 6-2 senior forward, who has a nice shooting touch also are promising candidates.

Coach Lloyd has a string of other promising candidates. In that list one must consider 6-1, junior forward Will Massey, who could become one of Glenn's complete players, and 6-1 junior guard Dwight Bankhead, who has all the tools to play the game well.

Others who must come through if the Rockets are going

to turn their 4-16 record around are Jeff Brantley and Darnell Smith. Smith is only a sophomore but show a lot of maturity on the floor.

Most coaches in the Western Lakes Conference believe that there really isn't a clear-cut title favorite, but that the team that will win the championship will have to come to play each game.

The good news is that graduation took its toll from all of the schools.

Reportedly, there has also been a 50 percent turnover in coaches. So, most coaches say that they are playing a wait-and-see game at this stage.

Glenn could seize the opportunity to vindicate itself, but the Rockets know that they must get off to a good start. Slow starts usually lead to dissension.

"We have to have people out there who are willing to accept responsibility and provide leadership," Lloyd stressed. "This group knows that there is no turning back."

And only time will tell who will create the memories for the 2000-2001 season.

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eighth season as head coach at Romulus, his 23rd year in coaching.

"Thomas, Cole and Garwood definitely were the mainstays of our team a year ago," says DelGiudice. "We're looking for players to fill the huge gap created by their graduation."

DelGiudice says he has the athletes, but he also is quick to point out that they will have to fine-tune their bodies from football to basketball.

"How fast they can do that is definitely an unknown factor," he says.

Fans who kept their football programs would have little difficulty identifying this year's basketball squad. Most candidates for the basketball team played football this past fall.

Leading candidates include John Wester, a 6-2 senior recently named to the All-State football team; Chris Talley, a 6-1 senior who also stood out on the gridiron; and quarterback Dave Jarrett, a versatile athlete who can shoot the three.

Kerol Sandusky, a 5-7 senior is being groomed as point guard, while Mike Christopher, a 6-3 ju-

nior forward, hopes to make people forget Garwood, who led the team in rebounds and blocked shots a year ago.

DelGiudice's also has several other promising candidates, who have proven themselves on the junior varsity level.

They are Ron Buckley, a 6-3 sophomore, Ronald Coleman, a 6-3 forward, and Myron Mosby, a 6-4, 260-pound senior.

Mosby has the size to intimidate those who attempt to drive the lane, and he also has the agility to go to the boards and dish-out.

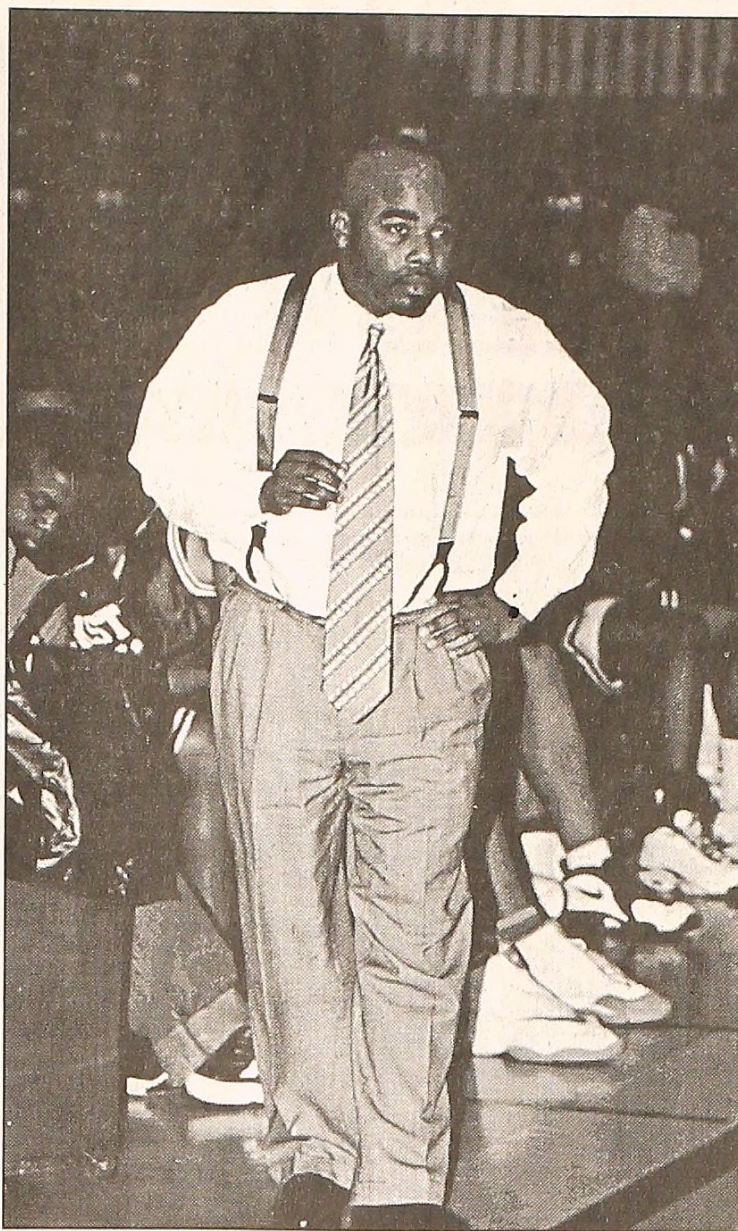
Other candidates include outstanding running back-playmaker Charles Searcy, a 5-8 junior; Bruce Donald and Ansen Long, players who stood out on the junior varsity a year ago.

"Our season is going to depend upon how quickly our athletes manage to get into shape."

DelGiudice sees a very competitive, balanced Red Division this year. Joining the traditional front-runners, the Romulus coach says look for Ypsilanti and Willow Run to battle for the title.

But he also will not count out Belleville or newcomer Monroe as the possible heir-apparent to the Romulus crown.

Monroe, which captured the Mega-White a year ago, replaces Inkster, in the new Mega-Red alignment.



Back on the sidelines

Former Inkster High basketball coach William Springer (above) may be back on the sidelines and Viking bench Tuesday night. He has been tagged by newly-named head coach Steve Brooks to serve as an assistant. Photo by Carl Brown

Glenn coach seeks players for AAU club

The girls' basketball season may be over for most of the teams and players in the area, but there's still plenty of AAU tournament action for those who qualify.

John Albrecht, Westland John Glenn's girls basketball coach, is planning to put together an AAU team that will compete this winter.

He's looking for players in the 17 and under, and the 15 and under age bracket.

"The AAU offers players an opportunity to improve their skills while competing against their peers," said Albrecht.

The Glenn coach said that try-outs for the team will be conducted at Wayne Memorial High School on Dec. 5 beginning at 7 p.m.

If you're interested in playing AAU basketball and need more information, contact coach Albrecht at 734-326-8982.

Wayne

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But Woodward will have height in Wayne's 2000-2001 model. There's 6-4 Shannon Jeffries, whose been with the program since the 9th grade. He will take up an inside slot, while 6-4, 225-pound Jeff Logwood is a natural for center.

Then, there are Michael Rashad, a 6-2 junior whose genes are all basketball. His father and brothers also starred in the sport. Rashad was one of the leading players on last year's Wayne's junior varsity squad.

Rounding out Woodward's profolio is Earl Brinston, a 6-2 senior who not only has a lot of potential, but he can shoot, too.

WYAA to elect new slate of officers

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Westland Youth Athletic Association officials this week announced they will conduct a general membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7 at the Lange Compound.

Among agenda items include a review of the year 2000 events and performances and also accepting nominations for new officers for the upcoming year.

WYAA fields scores of junior football, basketball, baseball and cheerleading teams during the year.

The organization, in existence for more than 30 years, is one of the largest of its kind in Wayne County.

Members who need further information may contact the compound from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Wednesday or from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday by dialing 734-421-0640.

Coach seeks baseball players

If you are 15 years old and want to play on a travel team that is scheduled to compete in three out-of-state tournaments, there's a coach looking for you.

Baseball officials of a Wayne County Travel Baseball team are looking for players for an all 15-year-old team that they plan to field in the summer of 2001.

If you believe you have the talent and your birth date is on or before Aug. 1, 1986, team officials are requesting that you contact them.

The team will travel out of state for competition and compete in three tournaments, one of which is scheduled to be staged in Hawaii.

Telephone 313-562-4667 to register or for further information.

Odyssey

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cember. He's recuperating from a broken arm sustained on the football field.

"We're going to scrimmage a couple of teams this week," said Dennard. "Those scrimmages will hopefully help determine the substance of this team."



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Local HAPPENINGS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

Santa Claus is coming to Romulus

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Yes its that time of year again, and ole Santa Claus has slated a visit to Romulus at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 8 to light the city's Christmas tree.

The ceremony will take place in Romulus Historical Park and the popular Romulus Cloggers will entertain.

The annual Christmas carole sing-along also will take place and then the group will travel to Wick Elementary School for refreshments, socializing and a chance to sit on Santa's lap and reveal their holiday wishes.

ANN ARBOR FOLK FESTIVAL featuring long time singer Joan Baez and others will perform at 6 p.m. Jan. 27 at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Tickets for the 24th annual festival cost \$25, \$30 and \$35 and go on sale Dec. 4 at the Michigan Union Ticket Office. For tickets or more information call 734-761-1800.

HOLIDAY DOLL SHOW returns Dec. 10th at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. Show will feature new and used collectible dolls and accessories. Show hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets cost adults \$5, with children under 10 being admitted free. For show and vendor information call 734-455-2110.

COOKIE WALK offering small (\$4), medium (\$6) and large (\$12) coffee tins that buyers then fill with an assortment of home baked cookies offered by the United Methodist Women at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 9. Pumpkin rolls are offered at \$12 also. Various candies including fudge, pralines and peanut brittle are offered by the pound. For orders or more information call the church at 734-721-4801. The church is located at 3 Town Square (across from the Wayne Post Office).

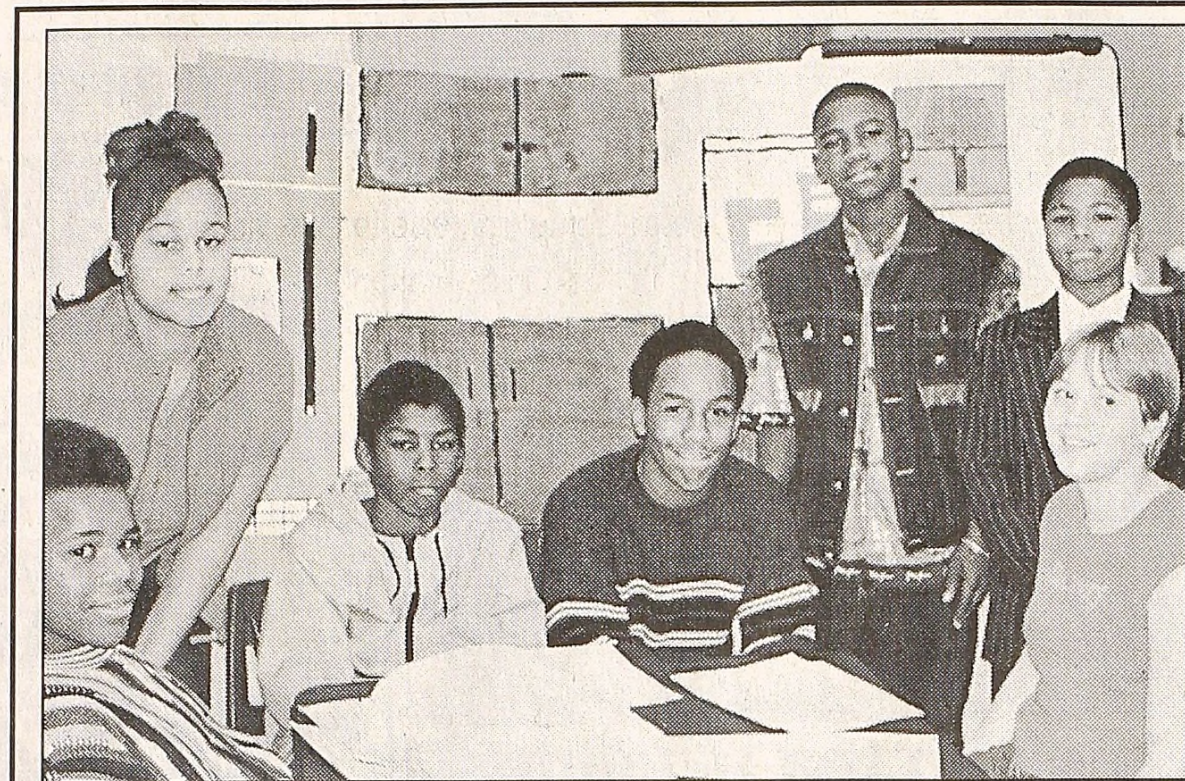
2001 ARTISTS SOUGHT The Ann Arbor Street Art Fair is now accepting applications for its July 18-21 fair. Applications need to be postmarked by Feb. 1, 2001. The fair attracts 500,000 visitors over

Aid the homeless

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus High School students this Saturday will be collecting various types of toiletries from local homeowners and tenants for later donation to the homeless in the area.

The students urge residents to place their donations on their



Romulus-Belleville Community Middle School presented a play *The Giver* for friends, family members and invited guests. From left are Greg Scott, who played the role of the father; Lekesia Kenderick as Jonas; Kionte Jones and Jevon Edwards, who gave introductions; Darryl Steele, who played the part of the Giver; Dev'on Sutton, who starred as Lily; and Kristy Karawan, who portrayed the mother.

'The Giver' production

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A unique holiday play entitled *The Giver* was offered last week by students from the Romulus-Belleville Community Middle School.

The production was followed by a holiday feast for all in attendance.

Principal Al Wilkerson expressed his pleasure with the stu-

dents' efforts saying "it took a lot of courage for them to get up in the public and provide such a nice job."

Twin introductions to the show were offered by Kionte Jones and Jevon Edwards.

The cast included: Lekesia Kenderick, Darryl Steele, Greg Scott as the father, Kristy Karawan as the mother and Dev'on Sutton as Lily.

The set designers included

its four day period. For more information call 734-994-5260.

SPORTS CARD SHOW are slated for this weekend at the Gibraltar Trade Center Inc. at 15525 Racho Road in Taylor. Show hours are from noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. There will be hundreds of tables displaying sports memorabilia, trading cards, racing collectibles, beanie babies, sportswear and more more. For more information call 734-287-2000.

ONE PLANET-ONE PEOPLE is the theme of the Museum of

African American History's Noel Night that embraces cultural diversity. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday thru Sunday. For more information call 313-494-5800, ext. 0.

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE Lt. Chuck Yockey of the Wayne-Westland Corps revealed the army's annual red kettle drive has begun for the holiday season. Army representatives will visit five local nursing homes and offer a gift to every resident, host Christmas parties for senior citizens and youths, present two new toys to over 500 children and distribute food baskets and gift certificates to over 300 families.

HANSEL AND GRETEL will be offered by the Stagecrafters Youth Theatre from Dec. 7 to 10 — with many of the evil factors missing from the scenes. All cast members will be on hand to meet with the audience after the shows. The shows will be held at 7 p.m. the first two nights, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Dec. 9 and 1 p.m. on Dec. 10. The 11 a.m. show on Dec. 9 will be equipped also for the deaf. Tickets cost \$5-\$7. For tickets and more information call 248-541-6430.

Candice Davis, Rory Frank and Amber DeFrank.

Teachers DeAnn Hanlon and Scott Roark coordinated the production that included a poem written by student Shane King.

The night was concluded with the presentation of honor roll certificates to Amanda Hall, Ken Hertlein and Brandon Miller and perfect attendance certificates to Candice Davis and Lekesia Kenderick.

LATE NITE CATECHISM shows featuring humorous and nostalgic religious memories from a bygone era have been extended through Feb. 11 at Detroit's Century Theatre. Tickets are available at the Gem and Century box offices at 313-963-9800.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP FOR THE BEREAVED is slated from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Westland office of the Community Hospice and Home Care Services Inc. at 32932 Warren Rd. (Suite 100) at Venoy Road. A participant last year Sandy Fisher stated: "The program helped me make different plans for the holidays. It's not going to be the same (without a favored loved one), so don't try and do it the same." For more information call 734-522-4244.

WESTSIDE SINGLES will be holding dances on Dec. 1 and Dec. 10 at Roma's Banquets on Cherry Hill Road, east of Venoy Road in Garden City. Then on Dec. 15 a dance will be offered at the New Hawthorne Valley Country Club, Merriman Road, north of Warren Road in Westland. Doors open at 8 p.m. and tickets cost \$6 from 8:30 p.m. on. For more information call 734-981-0909.

SANTA PAWS Photos of you, your children, Santa Claus and your pet (namely dogs, cats and ferrets) will be available at the Romulus Animal Shelter on Goddard Road, just of Wayne Road in Romulus, from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 16. Cost of photos is \$2. For more information call 734-942-7591.

Holiday book sale at Westland library

Books, both old and new, are available at the William P. Faust Public Library in Westland on Dec. 2 and 3.

Hours on Saturday will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sunday will be from noon to 4 p.m.

Books will be adult and children varieties, as well as antique books.

Books will be individually priced. Other items will be Friends of the Library tee-shirts, \$10; Friends polo shirts, \$15; umbrellas, \$15; bookmarks, \$1.50 and golf tees (package of four) for \$1.

For more information call: 734-326-6123.

Painting of Eloise is coming back home

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A nostalgic painting of Eloise and her beloved St. Bernard companion — believed to be about a century or more old — is coming back to its home at the the Wayne County Eloise Complex in Westland.

A ceremony marking the painting's return will be held at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Kay Beard Building in Westland...and will be part of the Wayne County General Hospital Retirees' annual Christmas Party.

The painting most recently has been hanging in the Deputy County Executive's office in Detroit for the past 12 years.

Prior to that it hung in the now demolished General Hospital located at the northern end of the Eloise Complex.

"This painting will be one of the most treasured items at our Eloise Museum," said Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara.

A special guest at the dinner will be Gladys Hamilton, the 95-year-old daughter of Henry Ruff, the farmer and real estate investor, who once owned land near

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Eloise.

Hamilton is the last surviving member of the Ruff family. Ruff died in 1949.

Meanwhile Eloise was the daughter of Freeman Dickerson, then Detroit Postmaster and president of the medical complex's governing board.

The facility needed a name to use in forwarding mail to the site and Eloise's name was submitted and approved.

The Dec. 12 buffet dinner price is \$10 and reservations are needed by Dec. 5. To get more information or reserve a ticket for the inner call Patti Kukula at 313-224-0809.

Former Wayne nurse named area manager of retirement unit

A former nurse from Wayne has been named area manager of the Independence Village Management team in White Lake.

Jennifer Finley, who joined Independence Village of Plymouth in 1998 as a wellness coordinator, quickly rose to a general manager position.

Finley previously was a nurse with various sub-acute rehabilitation centers — including 10 years in managerial positions.

She also has five years of real estate experience.

"I welcome the opportunity to serve the senior community here — absolutely one of the finest in senior living," she added.

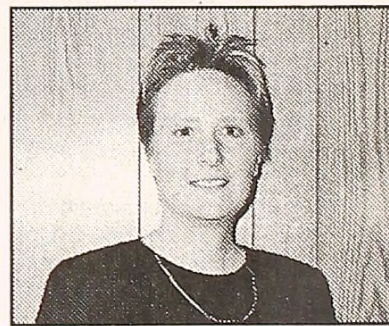
Finley lives with three foster children in Wayne. She also serves as a volunteer/mentor with the Wayne Youth Service and is a member of the Cherry Hill United

Methodist Church.

Independence Village of White Lake is a deluxe retirement community with 149 apartments in a 17-acre wooded area.

Independence Village is the choice of senior citizens "who (amazingly) refuse to act their age," Finley said.

For more information call 888-292-2490.



Jennifer Finley

Chamber needs computer

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce is now seeking a donated computer and a fax machine.

Chamber Director Oscar H. Khoton Jr. revealed in a letter to the *Michigan Community Newspapers* "the current computer owned by the chamber was donated by a businessman several

years ago, but is now obsolete."

He added "it operates at 50mhz and is very slow. The monitor screen is so fuzzy that it is hard to read and cannot use any program newer than Windows 3.1."

For further information call Khoton at Metro Realty Group at 734-946-7141.



Flower show

Eighth grade students Kristy Karawan and Candice Davis display some of their flower artwork at the Romulus/Belleville Middle School celebration held recently.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 4:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact.

Property assessments can only be changed for:
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Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call the Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734-699-8946 prior to December 12.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

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DIEHL, ALFRED G., 87 of Venice, Florida passed away November 16. Born in Detroit, Michigan Mr. Diehl moved to Wayne, Michigan in 1978. He belonged to Epiphany Cathedral. He is survived by three daughters, two sons, two sisters, one brother, thirteen grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren. Cremation rites were accorded in Florida.

FLOYD, VERNON C., 67 of Westland, passed away November 17. Loving husband of Joyce Floyd. Dear father of Sandra Floyd, and Steven (Donna) Floyd. Dear brother of Freeman Floyd, Madeleine Donahue, Norman Floyd, Jean Bardeax, Rachael Guernier, Beverly Dettler, Ronald Floyd, Timothy Floyd, Stephanie Floyd, and the late Judy Floyd. Services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Jack Spitz. Interment followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock.

GRAHAM, MARY, 96 of Belleville passed away November 9. Dear mother of Grace (Rocky) Malloy of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; Elaine (Harvey) Stabrau of Belleville; John (Jack) Graham of Chicago, IL; James (Eileen) Graham of Belleville; and William (Susan) Graham of West Bloomfield. Dear daughter of the late James and Lillias (Grant) MacGregor. She is also survived by seventeen grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband William, grandson Rocky Graham, granddaughter Alexandra Graham, and her parents. She was a member of the Belleville First United Methodist Church, a life member of O.E.S., Belleville Chapter #73, M.Q.M.S., Belleville Garden Club and an American Red Cross Volunteer. Funeral services were held November 14 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Dr. John N. Grenfell officiating. Interment was held at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, Michigan. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to Belleville First United Methodist Church or Arbor Hospice.

GRISE, LaVETTA JEAN, 67 of Wayne passed away November 18. Dear husband of the late Benjamin Grise. Dear mother of

Terry (Joe) LaBarre, Kim (Jerry) McKeever, Sherry (Vern) Whitbeck, Mary (David) Powell, and Rene (Chris) Hoehn. Dear sister of Kenneth Stacy, Cecil Stacy, Barbara Ferguson, and Sandra Foster. She is also survived by seven grandchildren. Funeral services were held Nov. 22 at Uht Funeral Home with rev. Robert Schultz officiating. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

HACKNEY, DANNY ALEX, 47 of Dearborn Hts., Michigan passed away November 17. Loving brother of Jerry (Mary) Hackney of Taylor; Fred (Jeanette) Hackney of College Corner, Ohio; Patricia (Will) Smith of Dearborn Hts., Michigan; Linda (George) Troia of Romulus, Michigan; and Norma (Jim) Kummer of Dearborn, Michigan. Funeral services were held November 19 at Crane Funeral Home with Chaplain Fred Ciso.

HARRISON, GOLDIE LORENA, 79 of Garden City passed away November 21. Dear wife of the late Howard Harrison. Loving mother of Jacqueline (Lynn) Kretschmer. Dear grandmother of Tracey Moran and Teri Lidak. Dear great grandmother of Jacob Lidak, Justin Lidak, Molly Lidak, and Jason Moran. Dear sister of Lena Rakovich, Louise Britton, and Herman Bishop. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Pastor Suzanne Walls. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

HERRIN, BERNICE LEONA, 77 of Greenville, Tennessee passed away November 19. Loving wife of the late Robert Herrin Sr. Dear mother of Ruth (Richard) Aloisio, Sandra (Billy) Carpenter, Nancy (Jim) Davio, Robert (Cynthia) Herrin Jr.,

Thomas (Jacqueline) Herrin, Paul Herrin, Raymond (Donna) Herrin, and Dennis Herrin. Dear grandmother of 36 and great grandmother of 21. Funeral services were held Nov. 22 at Prayer Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Bartlett officiating. Arrangements made through Uht Funeral Home.

JONES, GLENDA F., 64 of Belleville passed away November 16. Dear mother of Glenn (Fiancee Billie Gabriels) Jones of Belleville; Clifford (Melissa) Jones of Mineral Bluff, Georgia; and Karen (William) Owen of Belleville. Dear daughter of the late Glenn and Pauline (Spratt) Donaldson. Dear sister of Norma (Joe) Delasandro of Lincoln Park, Michigan. She is preceded in death by her husband Clifford Jones, her brother Glen Donaldson, and her parents. Dear grandmother of ten. She was also a member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. Funeral services were held Nov. 20 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Rev. W.C. Henson officiating. Interment followed at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Memorial contributions can be made in her honor to Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church.

KRUSINSKI, STEPHEN JOSEPH, 86 of Wayne passed away November 8. Dear uncle of Robert Hropovitski. Loving brother of Regina Hropovitski, the late Eugene Kruszynski, the late Joseph Kruszynski, and brother-in-law of Frank Hropovitski. Dear uncle of eight nephews and nieces, fifteen great nieces and nephews, nine great great nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held November 11 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Jack Baker officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Olivet, Detroit. Arrangements were made through Uht Funeral Home.

POLENZ, LEROY, 74 of Romulus, Michigan passed away November 16. He is survived by Mrs. Edmund (Myra) Kreyger of Romulus, Michigan; Mrs. Malcolm (Emily) McNutt of Romulus, Michigan; Benjamin Polenz of Taylor, Michigan; and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by brothers Louis, Karl, Fred, and George; and sister Grace. He was a member of the Romulus VFW. Funeral services were held at Crane Funeral Home with Rev. William Kren from Comm. United Methodist Church. Burial was held at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Memorials in his name can be made to Comm. United Methodist Church Building Fund.

SCHMITT, RHONDA Y., 48 of Belleville passed away November 14. Beloved wife of Thomas Schmitt. Dear daughter of the late Ronald and Hazel (green) Smith of Florida. Dear sister of Richard (Mary) Hayden of Belleville. Dear daughter-in-law of Alice Schmitt of Alaska. Preceded in death by her father Ronald Hayden. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church. She loved Elvis, Pepsi decor, playing Bingo and Gambling. Funeral services were held November 17 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Robert J. White officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

SMITH, ROBERT KILBURN, 61 of Wayne, passed away November 16. Loving husband of the late Patricia Smith. Beloved father of Vickie (Jerry) Miller, Kim Smith, and Kenny Smith. Dear brother of Raymond Smith, Ronald Smith, Roger Smith, Richard Smith, Terry Smith, William Smith, and Marilyn Johnson. Dear grandfa-

ther of Ryan Smith, Erin Smith, and Lauren Smith. Interment was held at Southern Michigan Services, Livonia. Arrangements made through Uht Funeral Home.

SULIMAN, RAYMOND, 68 of Jerome, Michigan (formerly of Belleville) passed away November 14. Dear father of Bonnie (Mike) Colette of Canton; Patricia Malec of Hilton Head, South Carolina; Thomas (Annie) Suliman of Charlotte, North Carolina; and Terrence (Judy) Suliman of Modesto, California. Preceded in death by his wife Delphine Suliman and brother Steve Suliman. Dear son of the late Steve and Margaret (Bacher) Suliman. Dear brother of Edward Suliman of Chelsea; Robert (Frances) Suliman of Belleville; brother-in-law of Connie Suliman of Chelsea. Dear grandfather of John Coletta, Dina Coletta, Mary Ann Suliman, Chrissy Suliman, Ryan Suliman, and Adam Suliman. Cremation rite have been accorded. Memorial contributions can be made in his name to the Hospice of the donor's choice. Arrangements were made through David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

WILLIAMS, MAZIE BELL, 95 of Lenawee, Michigan passed away November 21. Dear wife of the late Quentin Williams. Loving mother of George (France) Racey, Robert (Nancy) Salavin, Betty (Rev. Jack) Spitz, Nancee (Glen) Fleming, Melba (Charles) Collins, and Quentin (Carla) Williams Jr. Dear sister of Orvil Rush, Neola Backs, and Woodrow Rush. Dear grandmother of 22, great grandmother of 8, great great grandmother of 6. Funeral services were held Nov. 25 at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Jack Spitz officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

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She responded by spraying him with mace.

Police responded to the scene, but both neighbors declined to press charges.

Fire destroys mobile home

A fire damaged four trailers and a storage shed at Sherwood mobile home park in Canton last Saturday.

Over \$70,000 damages resulted from the blaze, but no injuries. Residents in all of the homes were able to flee the flames and heat.

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Arriving at 5:54 a.m., firefighters found one trailer in flames. They doused the flames before the fire spread.

Heat from the burning home damaged three nearby trailers, but neither destroyed them nor rendered them unlivable.

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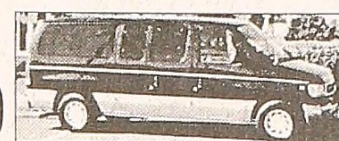
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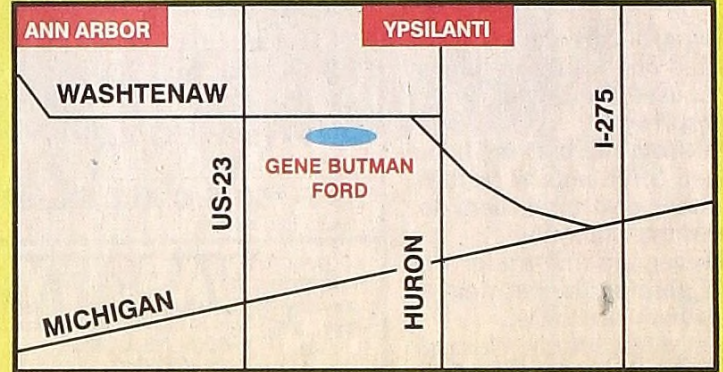
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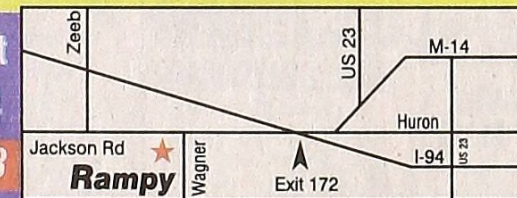
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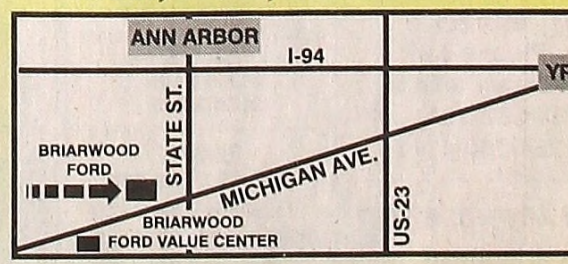
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